Trick, treat or threats for anti-Davide lawmakers

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Solon slams Brat Pack: Rich kids, powerful folks

By Cynthia C. Balana and Philip C. Tubeza

THEY may be rich, well-groomed and perfumed, but for one feisty lawmaker the Brat Pack smells to high heavens.

"The Spice Boys were

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Crisis seen to ruin GMA

Davide singles out Roco to thank for support

By Suzzane B. Salva and Jolene R. Bulambot
PDI Visayas Bureau

CEBU CITY—Despite the overwhelming support he has been receiving, Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr. emphasized that he was not himself supporting any politician because "that is not the role of a Chief Justice. Leave politics to the politicians."

Still he singled out presidential aspirant Raul Roco to thank him for his support in the impeachment crisis.

Roco joined the protest rally at the Batasan on Monday to denounce the second impeachment complaint against Davide.

"I really thanked him for the support that he provided by way of enlightening the people on the issue," Davide said.

But he himself is not considering going into politics. "I am running away from politics," he stressed.

Davide told reporters yesterday that the public support he continues to reap has not changed his mind about running for public office.

He said he would continue to pursue reforms in the judiciary until his term ends on Dec. 20, 2005.

"I have announced before (that) I will not aspire for any position. Speculation is speculation... I am not running for any political position, whether the presidency or any other," he said.

Davide is in Cebu to attend a wedding and is reportedly spending the All Saints' Day weekend here.

Davide said the public support was not for him alone but for the country, the judiciary and democracy itself, because "I believe without it democracy will be lost forever."

"If there is no independence anymore because it (the judiciary) can easily be threatened by impeachment, the wheels of justice cannot go as effectively and impartially as possible," he said.

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FLOWERS say it best in remembering the endlessly missed dearly departed on Nov. 1 and 2. Nowhere is business brisker today than in Dimasalang, Manila, the depository of all cut flowers from northern Luzon and the hub of the city's floral market. ERIK ARAZAS

Graveyard for RP's 'nattering nabobs'

'Cemetery of Negativism' aimed to cultivate American work ethic

By Vincent Cabreza
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

BAGUIO CITY—Are the negative thoughts generated by the raging conflict between the House and Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr. getting you down?

You can drive to the century-old Camp John Hay in Baguio and bury them (the thoughts, not the protagonists).

At John Hay is a "Cemetery of Negativism," where Filipinos may avail themselves of grave sites in which to inter, and subsequently forget, their anger and frustrations.

The grave sites come with appropriate tombstones. A sarcastic epitaph would sit well with the 31 other tombstones installed to memorialize such characters as the hat-wearing man named "Watzinit Formi," a yellow duck named "Uwoodnut Likeit," and a slouching hog called "Ithought Uwood Doit."

The 24-year-old cemetery was the brainchild of Maj. John Hightower of the US Air Force, the last commander of John Hay in those days when it was a base for rest and recreation.

It was Hightower who designed the park as well as the tombstones bearing cartoon characters.

He intended the cemetery as a means to instill in the camp's Filipino employees good work habits and a knowledge of bad corporate values that should be buried.

Thus, "Watzinit Formi" is a pun on selfish corporate types; the porky "Ithought Uwood Doit" is a broadside against employees deemed unproductive.

But the cemetery has drawn too many tourists for the wrong reasons, says Gillian Yabut-Cortes, a former vice president of the Camp John Hay Development Corp. (CJHDevco).

It was envisioned as a graveyard of bad thoughts and even worse virtues, but tourists in the 1980s and 1990s referred to it as a "pet cemetery" because of the colorful tombstones decorated with replicas of animals.

"We let people think that way because it

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PDI NORTHERN LUZON BUREAU

TO BURY bad work habits of Filipino employees at Camp John Hay, a unique theme park was designed by an American 24 years ago.

President scored for failure of leadership

AS THE CONSTITUTIONAL crisis triggered by the impeachment of Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr. threatens to spin out of control, President Macapagal-Arroyo is looking increasingly isolated, giving more popular rivals a boost ahead of the presidential election in May.

If she fails to defuse the crisis that has started to split the country along familiar lines, Ms Macapagal's chances of winning a six-year mandate next May will be in serious doubt, an electoral institute and a research group said yesterday.

"She is increasingly becoming a lame duck leader," Earl Parreño, board member of the Institute of Political and Electoral Reforms, told Reuters.

"If she can't get her own party mates to withdraw support for an impeachment charge, how can she muster enough support to defeat more popular opponents in next May's election?" Parreño said.

The bid by a group of legislators from the House of Representatives, at least 17 from the President's ruling Lakas-Christian Muslim Democrats, to remove Davide has been seen by many as a power struggle ahead of the elections.

Supporters of ousted President Joseph Estrada, himself the subject of an impeachment trial presided over by Davide, are mobilizing poor urban residents to rally in favor of the impeachment, while the powerful Catholic Church and former President Corazon Aquino have been leading the fight against it.

Most of the signatories to the impeachment complaint are considered supporters of businessman Eduardo "Danding" Conjuangco.

Parreño said Ms Macapagal

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Mahathir makes upbeat exit after 22 years in power

KUALA LUMPUR—On the eve of his retirement after 22 years in power, Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad yesterday defended his democratic record and predicted strong economic growth in an upbeat final appearance before parliament.

Facing opposition questioning for the last time, the 77-year-old Mahathir warned that too much freedom could lead to anarchy in Malaysia's multiracial society and made a strong call for national unity.

"As I retire from the nation's highest elected office, I call upon every Malaysian to rise to the occasion to face the challenges as they emerge and shoulder the responsibilities of citizenship," he said in a nationally televised speech lasting more than two hours.

"If we do this, there is no reason why we cannot continue to be successful and make this country a model for the world to emulate."

Groups of schoolchildren crowded the public gallery and some lawmakers lavishly praised Mahathir, but the session was free of the tears and emotion that had marked a series of farewells by the Malaysian leader.

In a speech that was free of the fiery rhetoric that he is known for, Mahathir summarized almost five

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LAST day in office today for Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir (right) who turns over the reins to his successor, Abdullah Ahmad Badawi. REUTERS

Night crawlers: Threat or treat?

By Cynthia Balana

SIGNATORIES to the impeachment complaint against Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr. are bracing for night crawlers or "agaw-pirma (signature snatcher)" brigades.

Cavite Rep. Gilbert Remulla said the "night crawlers" want to reduce the number of signatories from 86 to only 75 by Nov. 10 to effectively stop the transmittal of the complaint to the Senate.

"They can bring all the treats, but they cannot trick me into withdrawing my signature," Remulla said.

Rizal Rep. Jack Duavit said no amount of threats or treats could make him change his mind.

He said there was great pressure on him to withdraw but he said there were no new facts that would convince him to take back his signature.

South Cotabato Rep. Darlene Antonino said she would treat any visitors this way: "Give them candy, praise their costume, perhaps engage in some curtain talk, but I'll tell them that my signature stays."

Davao City Rep. Ruy Lopez put it more bluntly : "The train has left the station. It will be hard to stop it."

Rep. Jacinto Paras said the days leading to Nov. 10 when the House resumes sessions are crucial. "There will be man-to-man guarding. The only way you can

NIGHT/A18

It's SC's decision, says Drilon

By Christine O. Avendaño and Michael Lim Ubac

IT IS the Supreme Court that can defuse the politically charged situation brought about by the question of how the impeachment complaint against Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr. should now proceed, Senate President Franklin Drilon said yesterday.

Drilon said the high court should decide on the issues of jurisdiction and constitutionality before Congress resumes sessions on Nov. 10. Otherwise, he said, the Senate has "no choice" but to accept the Articles of Impeachment that the House has threatened to transmit to the senators in defiance of the tribunal's status quo order.

"In the higher interest of the nation, to avoid the deterioration of the political and constitutional crises, the Supreme Court should decide on the petitions" questioning the legality of the second impeachment complaint against Davide, Drilon said at a news conference.

If it does not, the Senate will have "to perform its constitutional duty, and the Constitution provides that the Senate shall proceed with the [impeachment] trial," he said.

In the same vein, Sen. Joker

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Northeastern Luzon will have cloudy skies with rainshowers. Southern Luzon and Visayas will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of the country will have partly cloudy to cloudy skies.

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Calapan	Cloudy with Rains	Davao	Partly Cloudy

REYES' MARCHING ORDERS

'Go after politicians behind kidnappings'

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday ordered newly minted anti-kidnapping czar Angelo Reyes to go after politicians suspected of links to kidnappers.

In a statement, the President said: "I have given Secretary Reyes marching orders to go after kidnap syndicates with the full force of his new office. I want him to check any cabals involving kidnappers and politicians involved in this criminal activity."

The connection between kidnap gangs and politicians has long been suspected. It is one of the means by which unscrupulous politicians purportedly raise funds for elections.

"Statistically, we know that in election years—about one year before elections—there is an increase in the incidence of kidnappings," Reyes said over dzBB radio.

"We can't say it is political. We might say that (during) elections, a lot of money is circulating," he was quoted as saying by Agence France Presse.

The President, however, did not give any indication as to whom she might have been referring as being in cahoots with kidnappers.

"I am confident he [Reyes] will quickly consolidate the confidence of the community which is vital to the success of his job. He is assured of the cooperation of the law enforcement agencies and I trust that he will forge the operational and intelligence teamwork needed to identify, track and neutralize kidnap syndicates," Ms Macapagal said.

Reyes, who was defense secretary until he resigned on Aug. 28 in the aftermath of the July 27 Oakwood mutiny, was named by the President as the country's antiterror czar on Sept. 26. She gave him the official title of Ambassador-at-Large for Counter-Terrorism with Cabinet rank.

Barely one month later, she designated him head of the Anti-Kidnapping Task Force and the Police Anti-Crime Emergency Response (Pacer) team.

Reyes' appointment is widely seen as the President's response to businessmen's increasing concerns about the rise in kidnap-for-ransom cases in the last few months.

Ms Macapagal had earlier conceded that the rash of abductions, mostly targeting foreign and local businessmen, had scared away potential investors.

Reyes on Thursday said there were 83 kidnapping cases reported from January to October, this year, up from 63 last year, with more than half of this year's incidents taking place in Metro Manila.

He said the government has identified at least five "principal groups" behind the kidnappings.

While there have been a number of high-profile cases implicating the Mindanao kidnap gang, the Abu Sayyaf, there could be other incidents that remain unreported to the police, with the victims' families apparently paying ransom for fear of retribution, he said.

Reyes was Ms Macapagal's longest serving defense secretary, having been named to the post by her after he retired as military chief of staff during which tenure he shifted his support from deposed President Joseph Estrada to Ms Macapagal. *With an AFP report*

Palace not keen on Congress special session

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

MALACAÑANG is not keen on the House request for a special session next week because President Macapagal-Arroyo is still bent on seeing a compromise to bring the impeachment controversy to a speedy end.

The President yesterday urged Congress and the Supreme Court to "act now" to end the stalemate in the impeachment of Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr.

"I appeal to our leaders not to sit and wait out the situation," she said. "I know that there are issues of high principle involved on both sides, but there is no higher principle in a democracy than the welfare of the people."

Ms Macapagal said this was a time for statesmanship and sacrifice.

"This calls for a valiant, patriotic effort to set aside strong countervailing beliefs and hurt pride, and willfully come together for the nation," she said, adding:

"Every day of intransingency sets back the opportunities for national advancement for economic stability and its attendant harvest of more trade, investments and jobs."

For a special session to take place, the President has to call for it.

Ms Macapagal's spokesperson Ignacio Bunye downplayed the House decision to transmit the Articles of Impeachment to the Senate on Nov. 10.

ONE FOR SOLOMON

Wife, kids hold 2 wakes for Ganzon

By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.

ILOILO CITY—Two wakes will be held for the late Sen. Rodolfo "Roding" Ganzon as his children from his first marriage and his second wife continue to fight over his remains.

His second wife Rona Ganzon said she would set up an altar and lead nightly prayers even without her husband's body at their conjugal home, about 500 meters away from the Ganzon family compound in Barangay San Antonio in Molo District.

She said she would display the personal belongings of her husband "in the meantime."

"Spiritually, my husband is with me," she said in a telephone interview.

Without Rona's consent, Ganzon's children and his grandchildren took his body from the Iloilo St. Paul's Hospital a few hours after he died on Wednesday.

Freeman, one of Ganzon's 10 children from his first wife, was later heard saying over radio that he would not allow his stepmother to come near his father's remains.

In the squabble over Ganzon's remains, a glass panel of one of the hospital doors was destroyed, with damage estimated at P20,000, according to a report to police of security guard Rafael Sevilla.

Rona also filed a report with the police alleging that Freeman shouted invectives at her. She also alleged that one of her police escorts was manhandled by members of the Ganzon family.

The INQUIRER tried to reach Ganzon's children for comment but they refused to be interviewed.

Coco Ganzon, a granddaughter of the late senator, said the family would issue a statement after a meeting to decide on the funeral arrangements.

Rona, 37, said she was still consulting with her lawyers on what possible action she can take to assert her legal rights over her husband's remains.

"Everybody knows I'm the legal wife and I have all the rights," she said. She declined to reveal what options her lawyers are considering.

The Ganzon siblings have filed for an annulment of the marriage of their father to Rona on the ground that she had falsified some entries in their marriage certificate like her age and place of birth.

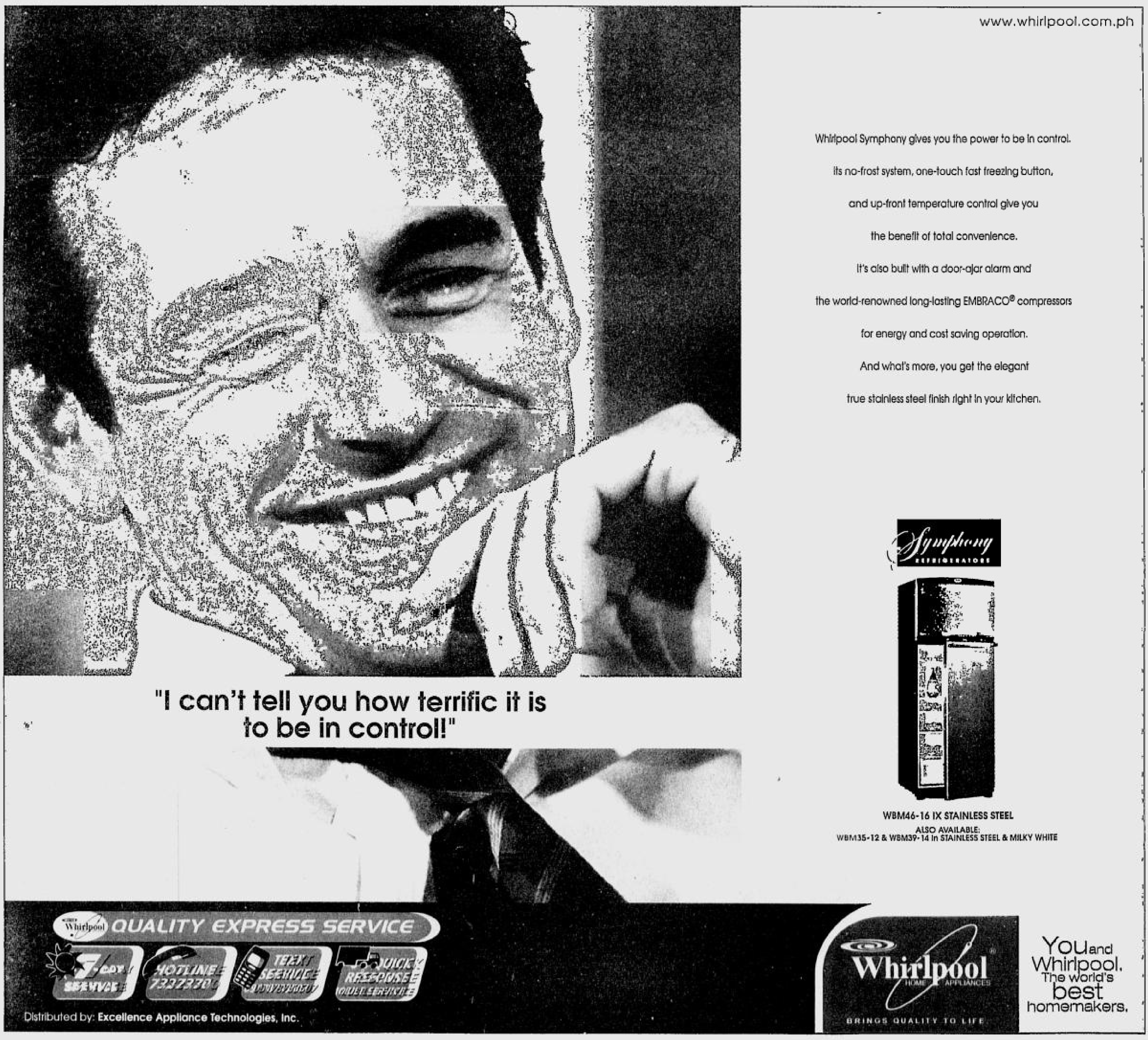
Ganzon's first wife, Dolores Padohinog, died in 1989. He married Rona two years later.

Rona said she was "shocked" at what happened but she said she did not want violence.

"I want to preserve the dignity of my husband because we know he was a great man," said Rona.

Ganzon died early last Wednesday. He had been hospitalized for 17 months battling various ailments.

A critic of the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos, Ganzon was the longest opposition leader to be detained during martial law. He was imprisoned for 14 years, six years behind bars and eight years under house arrest.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Prosecutors blame Erap for his own health woes

By Armand Nocum and Luige del Puerto

JAILED ex-president Joseph Estrada, whose personal physician claims is facing possible paralysis of the legs, has no one to blame but himself for his health condition, according to state prosecutors as they sought yesterday to have the ousted leader returned to his detention suite at the Veterans Memorial Medical Center.

Special prosecutor Dennis Villa-Ignacio said Estrada has brought upon himself a host of health problems because of his refusal to undergo knee replacement surgery in the country.

San Juan Mayor JV Ejercito in turn blamed the Macapagal-Arroyo administration, saying if the disgraced ex-president had been placed on house arrest, he would not be suffering from a "multiple slipped disc" problem.

Claiming that Estrada's arthritic knees have deteriorated and spawned a host of related health problems, including a so-called "multiple slipped disc" condition, his doctor Dr. Lorenzo Hocson said Estrada needed to undergo knee replacement surgery and revived a previously denied request to allow the former president to leave for the United States.

Brittle bones

"For three years now, he has not been getting much sun so his bones got brittle. This is very frustrating, very sad to see how they are treating my father. Now we see the results of this kind of treatment," Ejercito said at a press conference.

Unmoved, state prosecutors yesterday filed a motion before the Sandiganbayan antigraft court seeking Estrada's return to the VMMC and disputed police claims about the danger to Estrada's safety at the VMMC.

The prosecutors stopped short of accusing police officials of colluding with Estrada to present a supposed security crisis to justify Estrada's transfer to Camp Capinpin in Tanay, Rizal.

"They only have themselves to blame," Villa-Ignacio said of the Estrada camp's dire warnings about his "deteriorating" condition.

Villa-Ignacio said the state would oppose any request for the court to allow Estrada to travel to the US where he wants his operation to be performed by the physician of his choice, Dr. Christopher Mow, at the Stanford Medical Center in California.

He said the Sandiganbayan has already ruled on the issue and was not likely to change its view that Estrada was a flight risk.

"It has already been denied by the court because the operation can be done here. We have shown the court that it can be done here," said Villa-Ignacio, noting that Mow had even reportedly apprenticed under a noted Filipino surgeon.

He suggested that since he is now in hospital, Estrada should lose no time in undergoing a knee replacement operation if indeed there is an immediate need for one.

He said prosecutors have never objected to an operation being conducted on Estrada.

Ejercito claimed that his father had told him that he would not mind being operated on in the country.

"He said if it can be done here, then it should be done here," he said.

No intent to flee

At the same time, however, he said the Estrada family would ask the Sandiganbayan to allow Estrada to travel abroad for the operation, should it become necessary.

"My father has no intention of escaping, so I really hope the Sandiganbayan would grant him his request," said Ejercito.

Hocson and a team of orthopedic experts now conducting a battery of tests on Estrada at the Asian Hospital and Medical Center in Alabang have warned that unless Estrada undergoes surgery, his multiple slipped disc condition could worsen, resulting in paralysis in one or both legs.

In a 24-page motion signed by Ombudsman Simeon Marcelo, Villa-Ignacio and others from the Office of the Special Prosecutor contended that Estrada's transfer to Camp Capinpin was planned and not a spontaneous response to a reported terrorist threat as claimed by the special police detail guarding the jailed ex-president.

They cited the fact that Estrada was reportedly informed about the transfer two days before the transfer and that Estrada's daughter Jackie Ejercito-Lopez was reported to have been overseeing the renovation of Estrada's rest house near the military camp.

"The claim that there was imminent danger on the life of Estrada is without basis," the prosecutors said.

They also expressed "alarm" over the limited number of security people guarding the ousted president and the fact that Estrada's bulletproof Lexus and his Strada vehicles are allowed to be parked outside the jail. The vehicles are reportedly being used to bring food to Estrada.

Prosecutors said any of the two vehicles could be used to spirit Estrada out of the camp, with his police guards unable to give chase.

"With the kind of vehicle the PNP has compared with the speed and performance of accused Estrada's vehicles there is no doubt that such chase will not serve any purpose," they said.

Citing threats to Estrada's life, the police transferred the ousted leader from detention at the VMMC to Camp Capinpin just before the visit here of US President George Bush last Oct. 18.

Last week, he was given a 30-hour pass to visit his ailing mother at her San Juan home and to undergo a medical check-up at the Makati Medical Center.

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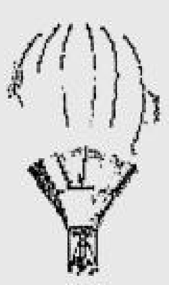

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Guingona: 'Open skies' void sans Senate OK

By Gerald G. Lacuarta

THE COUNTRY is not legally bound by its open skies agreement with the United States because the pact lacks concurrence by the Philippine Senate, according to Vice President Teofisto Guingona.

Under the 1982 Air Transport Agreement (ATA), the Philippines and the US committed to an "open skies" policy that would lift frequency and capacity restrictions on the passenger flights of each other's carriers effective Oct. 1 this year.

Guingona yesterday said the Senate still needed to ratify the ATA for it to be legally binding in the Philippines. The Senate and Malacañang remained on opposite sides of the issue as Senators Manuel Villar Jr., Joker Arroyo, Ralph Recto and Sergio Osmeña III insisted on the immediate submission of the treaty "and any amendments" for approval.

Malacañang maintained that the 1982 ATA was a mere executive agreement, not an international treaty, and therefore did not require Senate ratification.

But Guingona noted that his position was backed by the Department of Foreign Affairs, Department of Transportation and Communication and Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB), the three agencies that represented the Philippine government in recent renegotiations.

Manila has been seeking a deferment of the implementation of the ATA's open skies provision, but talks bogged down two months ago after the Philippine panel refused to grant "seventh freedom" rights to US cargo carriers that would allow them to operate in the country like local airlines.

American companies FedEx Corp. and United Parcel Services, the world's two largest package carriers, operate Asia hubs in former US military bases Clark and Subic, north of Manila.

Guingona said he also asked Malacañang last month to defer implementation of the pact. He noted that while it allowed US airlines to fly anywhere in the Philippines as often as they wanted, Philippine carriers were limited to only nine American states.

Gov't urged to honor pact with Germany

THE LAWYER of the Philippine International Air Terminal Corp. (Piatco) yesterday asked the government "not to coddle" the three associates of President Macapagal-Arroyo who have been accused by the German firm Fraport AG with extortion.

Former Solicitor General Frank Chavez also challenged the government to honor its treaty with the German government concerning the protection of the investments of companies operating in the two countries.

Fraport, a member of the Piatco consortium that built Terminal 3 of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport, had sought international arbitration in the face of government's continuing resistance to the opening of the new airport.

The government had claimed that the contract to build and operate the new terminal was illegal and the Supreme Court had ruled the deal null and void.

Chavez, in a press statement, also assailed former Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Perfecto Yasay Jr., spokesperson of the MIA-Naia Association of Service Operators (Maso), for his defense of presidential adviser Gloria Tan Climaco whom Fraport had accused of extortion along with Presidential Legal Adviser Avelino Cruz and Macapagal's personal lawyer, Pancho Villaraza.

"A feeble and pathetic attempt at chivalry because Perfecto Yasay Jr. is no knight in shining armor, while Gloria Tan Climaco's being a damsel in distress is highly debatable," Chavez said.

Chavez brushed aside Yasay's "latest harangue" that the extortion case was intended to divert the issue in the Naia-3 controversy.

The law firm headed by Villaraza has filed a P100-million suit against Fraport for damages allegedly resulting from the extortion case filed by the German firm.

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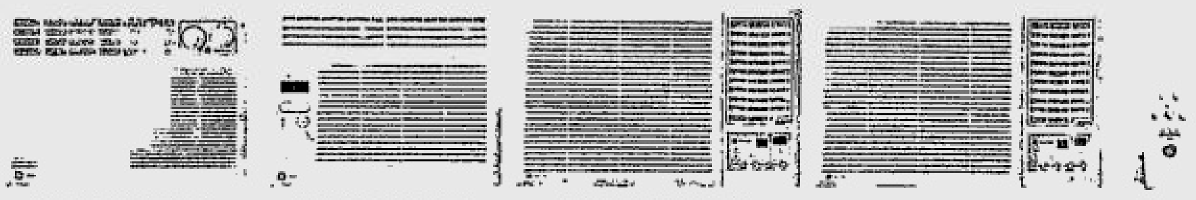

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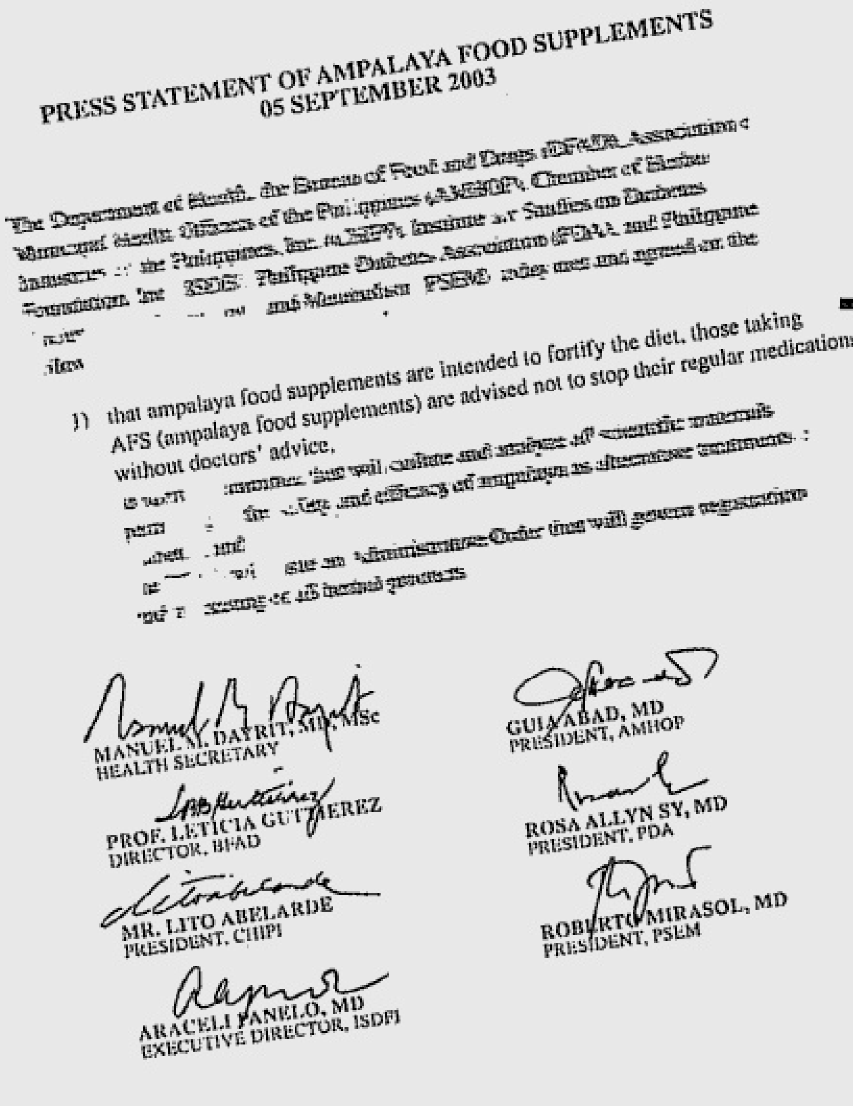

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House consensus on impeach rap misleading, says lawmaker

By Cynthia D. Balana

THE SO-CALLED multi-party consensus in the House of Representatives to transmit to the Senate on Nov. 10 the impeachment complaint against Chief Justice Hilario Davide was misleading, a legislator said yesterday.

Akbayan party-list Rep. Loretta Ann Rosales, who was among the 23 House members present at the multi-party caucus Wednesday, said the so-called decision to transmit the Articles of Impeachment to the Senate was not binding and did not have a congressional mandate as Speaker Jose de Venecia made it appear.

Not House decision

"There was no unanimous decision as it must be voted on on the floor and not decided by just 23 congressmen whose views may be different from their members. I don't understand the rush to transmit it to the Senate as if it's a matter of life and death," Rosales told the INQUIRER.

During the caucus, Rosales said not all present had agreed to transmit the complaint on the ground that it was unconstitutional.

Batanes Rep. Florencio Abad, who was present at the caucus, said the group agreed that the transmittal was not automatic but "on motion," which requires plenary action.

Abad said the rules committee had inserted this phrase in the impeachment rules to prevent a repeat of the unilateral move of then Speaker Manuel Villar to transmit to the Senate the impeachment complaint against then President Joseph Estrada in 2001.

As agreed upon in the caucus, Abad said the transmittal must first meet three conditions:

- That at the point of transmittal the one-third requirement for signatures will remain at at least 76 signatures. Below this number, the complaint cannot be transmitted.
- That there must be a quorum on Nov. 10, and if there is none the complaint cannot be transmitted.
- That there should be a debate on the floor on the motion to transmit so that the views of those against the transmittal could be properly recorded.

Another "agreement" which needed qualification, Abad said, pertained to the status quo order of the Supreme Court. Abad said that while many of them believe that initiating impeachment proceedings against impeachable officials was within the jurisdiction of the House, the matter of interpreting the constitutionality of the complaint was the domain of the Supreme Court.

Rosales said the only motion approved unanimously was the suggestion that De Venecia protect the integrity of the House as an institution by not appearing before the Supreme Court on Nov. 5. Also approved unanimously was the hiring of private lawyers to question the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court over the case.

Conscience bloc

Already the conscience bloc, composed of 23 House members, most of whom are party-list representatives, has been talking to at least 10 congressmen who signed the impeachment complaint to withdraw their signatures.

Rosales said De Venecia was just trying to placate the different contending forces that threaten his leadership of the House.

The Akbayan representative said she was surprised when some signatories to the complaint announced at a press conference on Wednesday morning that the Speaker had committed to the transmittal of the complaint to the Senate on Nov. 10 when the multi-party caucus had yet to start.

"There was already a decision so what was the reason for the caucus? To legitimize and deodorize it? What's this? Just to use us?" Rosales said.

House to house

She said the "conscience bloc" met after the caucus and decided to continue with its campaign to convince signatories to the complaint against Davide to withdraw their signatures before Nov. 10.

"In fact, I'm going to fight it out. *Gagapangin namin yan* for others to withdraw. If they don't have a quorum on Nov. 10, I will question the quorum. I will not allow myself to be a party to this illegal action of the House," she said.

Proponents of the second impeachment complaint who went house-to-house to get the required one-third signatures of the House membership now cried foul upon learning that opponents of the complaint would do the same thing to convince others to withdraw their signatures during the Halloween break.

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was so hard to explain the original concept of the cemetery to [them]," said an employee of the John Hay Management Corp., which manages the estate for the Bases Conversion Development Authority.

Team-building

Before her retirement last month, Cortes was preparing to "correct" the error by helping the CJHDevCo market the cemetery as "a unique corporate team-building activity for business conventions" or a stress reliever for tourists.

"We can get businessmen to exhale their negative energies in the cemetery. Anyway, too many businessmen nowadays are screaming about the way the government is ruining this country," Cortes said.

But the CJHDevCo will also have to exorcise the negative reactions that attended the cemetery's construction in 1979.

Slur

A number of ex-employees of the former US-run camp said Hightower's original proposal to design a theme park that would teach Filipino workers US work ethics had sounded to them like a slur.

"To tell you the truth, we first felt insecure about our jobs because we thought he did not want us," an ex-employee said.

The initial punitive character of the Cemetery of Negativism could be seen in Hightower's management style, said Florentino David, fire marshal at John Hay during the Americans' watch.

"Hightower was very practical," David said. "He was the first [commander] to break camp rules to get things done. I was a fire inspector when he ordered the salvaging of waste and surplus materials from Subic [Naval Base in Zambales] for use in repairing John Hay facilities."

David said that as a fire inspector, "I always went by the book."

Inspired

"The waste materials violated the national fire code but he insisted on recycling them. He told me not to panic because he would assume the blame [should anyone cite the violations]," David said.

He also said Hightower always aimed for efficient results, which explained why the Cemetery of Negativism came to be.

"It eventually inspired us [Filipino employees)]," David said. "I was amused by it, but then it gave me optimism. Had we not been inspired, that cemetery would have been gone when the Philippine Tourism Authority took over."

Some of the tombstones bear corny puns, and consistently misspell the word "conceived."

"But the misspelled words may also be the fault of Filipinos who restored the tombstones," David pointed out. "In fact, when the Filipinos took over John Hay, I was culture-shocked. They managed it so differently from the Americans."

'Lost Cemetery'

The PTA, the subsequent manager of John Hay, apparently understood what Hightower wanted people to discover in the Cemetery of Negativism, which is now called "The Lost Cemetery."

Since 1991, Filipinos have restored the vandalized or weathered tombstones of jailbird "Now Pro Hibited," a disheveled owl called "Wiwont C. It," the elephant "I.M. Two Fatt," the goat "Itl Rain Fo'sure," the walrus "Lettuce Waitfor D'bos," and the whale "Nott New Jobb."

Casino

There are also a dark-colored child named "I Wanna Die," the sad-faced clown "I. Min Only Chile" who was born in March and "who died before his brother," the hounds "Blame Mi Willya," "Just Kant Shakit" and "Wont B. Used," the egg called "Itz Not Possible," the baton-wielding lion "Knot a Teemplayer," and the prancing monkey "Eye Forgot."

Many of John Hay's former employees are amused by the fact that a certain development has actually given the cemetery new relevance.

The CJHDevCo has converted the Mountain Breeze, a former chapel and movie theater a stone's throw away from the cemetery, into a building that will house a proposed casino.

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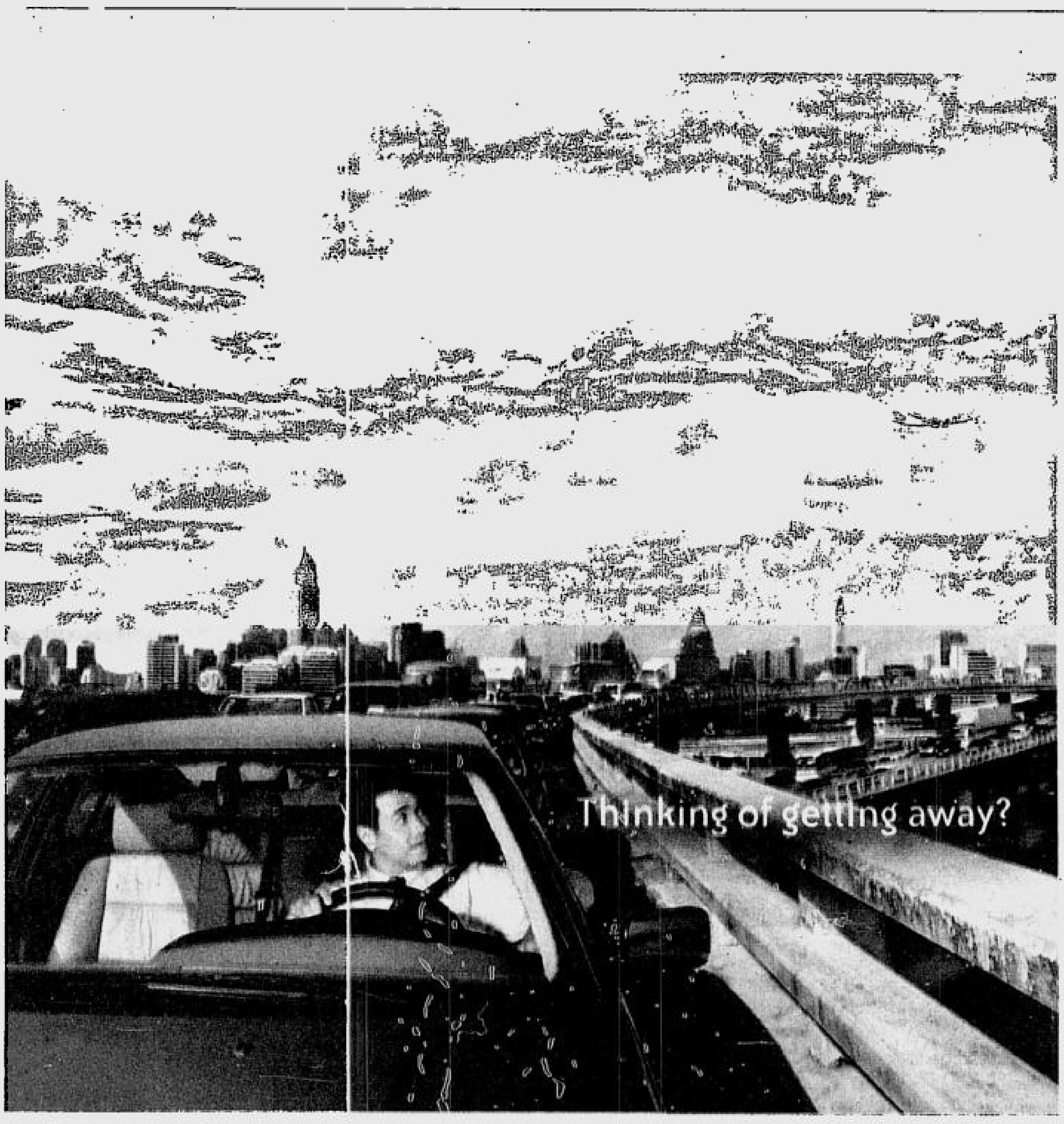
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Military now unsure if 5 Sabah hostages are dead

By TJ Burgonio

THE MILITARY yesterday said it was not now sure if five of the six hostages seized from a Sabah resort were executed by their abductors in Tawi-tawi, saying this has not been confirmed by its troops on the ground.

Quoting reports from the Southern Command, senior military officials announced the killings last Tuesday following the rescue of one of the hostages, Nonoy Arkusil, who claimed to have witnessed and survived the execution.

But Lt. Col. Daniel Lucero, the armed forces' chief information officer, said the military was taking back its announcement after finding inconsistencies in Arkusil's statements.

Arkusil, 19, a Malaysian with a Filipino mother, had told interrogators the other hostages, including his parents Amay and Arsad, had been shot to death in Sitio Lagayas, Panglima Sugala, while trying to escape from their captors last Sunday.

Soldiers, however, failed to find any bodies in the area, Lucero said.

The Southcom also managed to contact Arkusil's relatives in Mindanao and were told his parents were alive, he said.

"We are reconsidering it (the announcement) because of apparent inconsistencies," Lucero told reporters.

The military will "re-question" Arkusil and check his statements against other sources, including Malaysian authorities, Lucero said.

What the military was sure about was that Arkusil was one of the six resort workers, who included two Indonesians and another Filipino, abducted from the Borneo Eco-farm Paradise Resort in Sabah on Oct. 5 by a group of armed men.

"We have ascertained he was one of those abducted," Lucero said, admitting, however, that the military was still verifying the identities of the other hostages.

Mindanao to get ₱7-B investments

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday said the government would be unveiling a total of P7 billion in infrastructure investments in Mindanao over the next 7 months.

In a statement, the President said these infrastructure investments were meant to boost economic activity in Mindanao and raise income levels especially in the country's least developed and war-torn areas.

"We believe that if we are going to have peace in Mindanao, we have to have development," said the President who noted that the lion's share of state projects getting official development assistance loans were in Mindanao.

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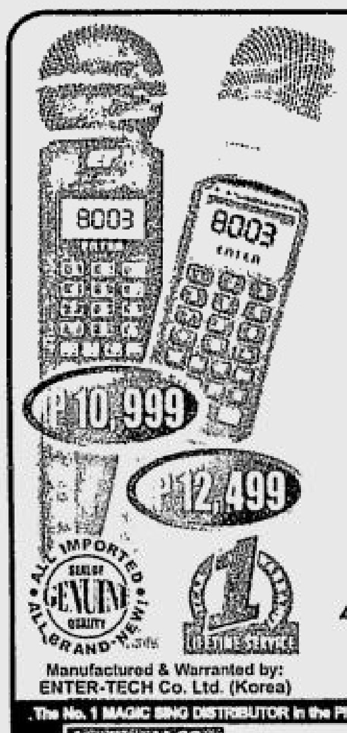

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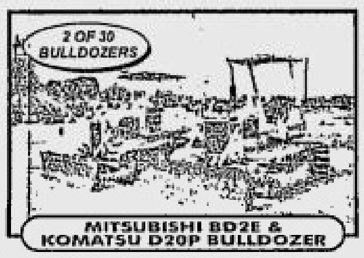

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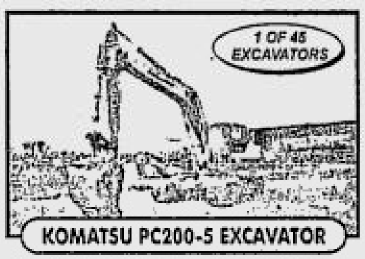

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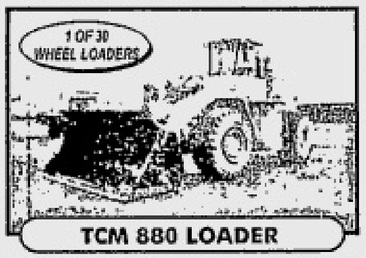

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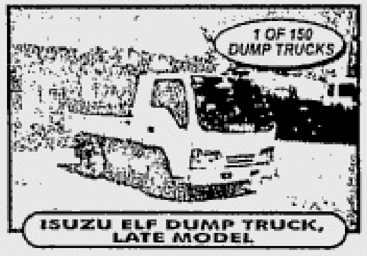

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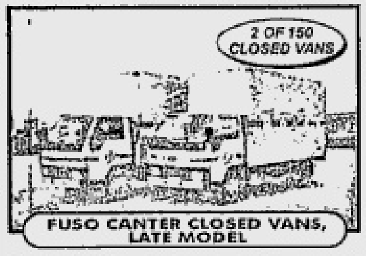

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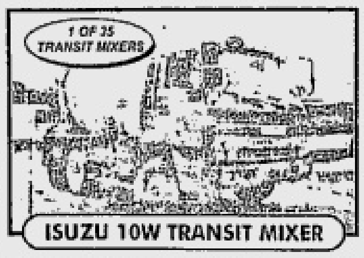

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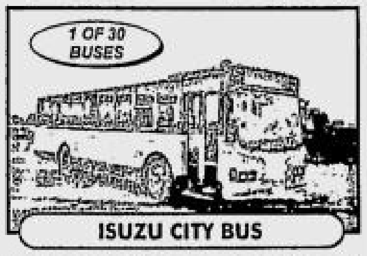

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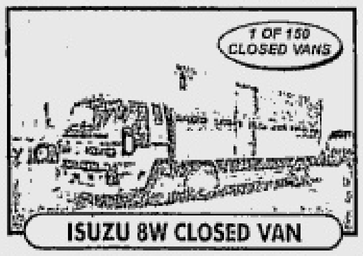

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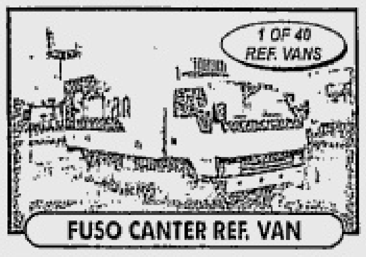

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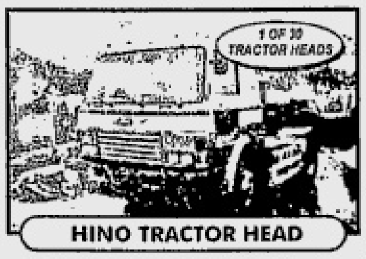

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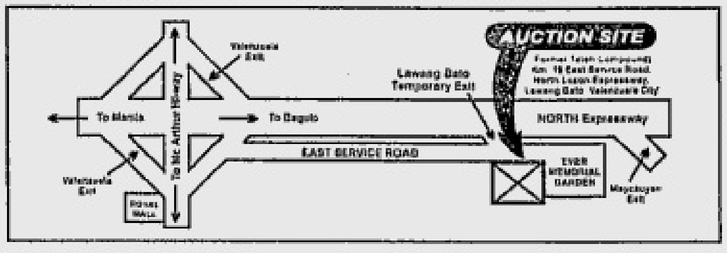

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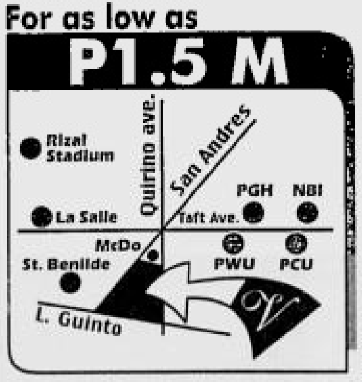

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Aussie convicted of killing 3 kids to punish RP wife

SYDNEY—An Australian man was found guilty Thursday of murdering his three children to punish their Philippines-born mother for leaving him.

Steven Anthony Fraser, 35, was found guilty of drowning his sons Ryan, five, and Jarrod, four, in the bath of his Sydney apartment in August 2001 after drugging them with the sedative mogadon.

He strangled his daughter Ashley, seven, a day later after she had repeatedly thrown up the sedative.

The New South Wales state Supreme Court was told Fraser confessed to police shortly after his arrest that he murdered the children because his wife Maria Chona had left him.

He pleaded not guilty at the hearing, claiming at the time of the killings he was "impaired by an abnormality of mind arising out of an underlying condition."

A jury took three hours to dismiss the defense and convict him on all counts.

Prosecutors told the court Fraser murdered the children because his wife had started a new relationship and he then set up a "bizarre and disturbing" scene in the apartment before attempting suicide.

His sons' bodies had the message "I love you, RIP" scrawled on their faces with marker pen and police found a mutilated toy monkey hanging from the living room ceiling. It had a knife through its chest and was smeared with tomato sauce to make it look like blood.

Fraser had been admitted to psychiatric hospitals on several occasions and told police he was "paranoid" about his children being sexually abused because he was molested as a boy.

His wife wept as the verdict was announced and outside the court said she was trying to rebuild her life.

"It's been really traumatic and I don't know how I'm going to be, but I'll try in memory of Ashley, Ryan and Jarrod, you're going to be proud of me," she told reporters.

The court heard she tried to take the children to the Philippines two months before the murders so they could visit relatives for the first time but Fraser took out a court order to stop her, telling her "you can't go without me."

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One Sabbath Jesus had gone to eat a meal in the house of a leading Pharisee, and he was carefully watched. In front of him was a man suffering from dropsy; so Jesus asked the teachers of the Law and the Pharisees, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?" But no one answered. Jesus then took the man, healed him and sent him away. And he addressed them, "If your lamb or your ox falls into a well on a Sabbath day, who among you doesn't hurry to pull it out?" And they could not answer.

Commentary

"Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?" I saw a movie whose title I could no longer remember. It tells of a guard in the middle of the garden without a sentry. For many generations, a guard was posted there without knowing why. The only reason given was that the queen ordered it. Someone was dissatisfied with this explanation so he tried to uncover the history of the guard posted in the middle of a garden. He discovered that an old queen planted a special rose in the middle of the garden and asked a guard to watch it day and night for fear that it will die. The rose eventually died and so did the queen who ordered the posting of the guard but the tradition of the guard in the middle of the garden remained. Human laws and traditions continue to this day simply because some crazy autocrat ordered them to be so. The Sabbath law as interpreted by the Pharisees and Scribes belonged to this category. And Jesus would challenge this by healing on the Sabbath. For Jesus the rule is simple: the Sabbath is for man, period.

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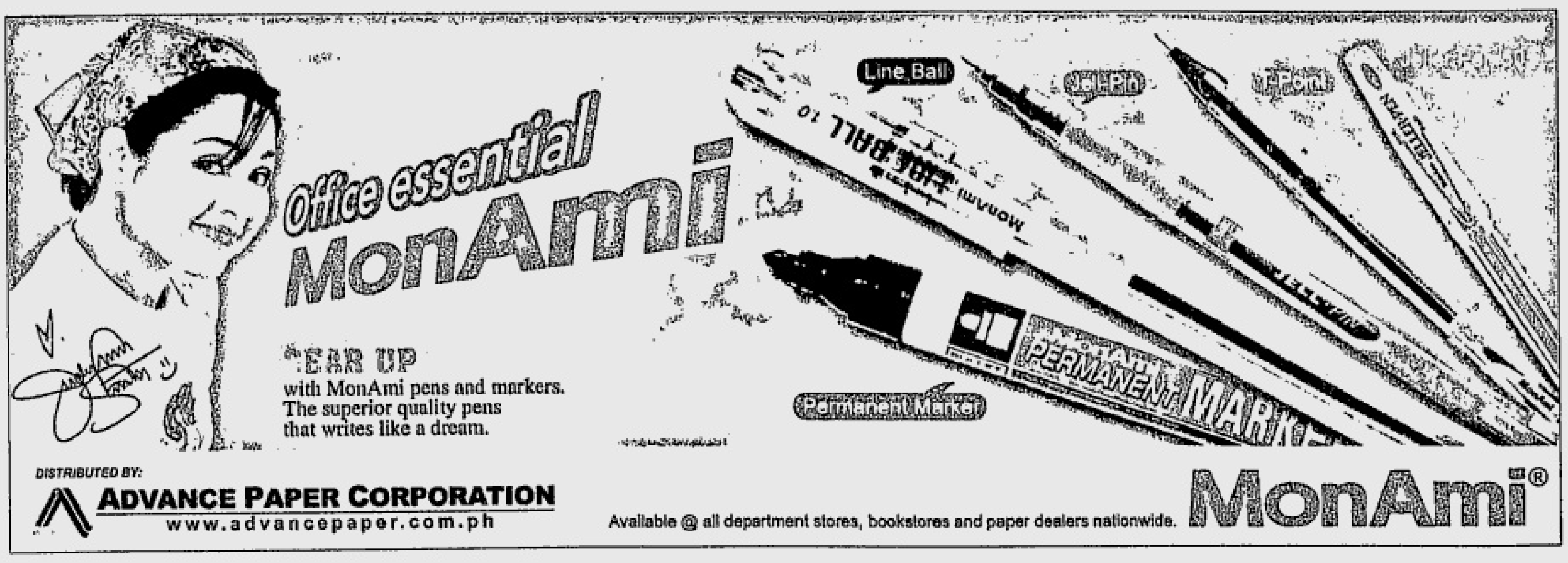
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We, the key officials of Bureau of Equipment, the Regional Equipment Services and Area Equipment Services thru their Regional Equipment Engineers, DPWH, individually and collectively, hereby express our unqualified, unwavering and wholehearted support to the leadership of our Acting Secretary Florante M. Soriquez

In the face of trials and tribulations that befell the fate of our Honorable Acting Secretary, We bind ourselves voluntarily to express our strong belief on his competence, efficiency and result-oriented leadership in our Department

In a short span of time that he was appointed Acting Secretary, he initiated and implemented his five (5) policy directions geared towards the Fast-Tracking of Projects, Transparency of Operations, Quality of Work, Appropriate use of Information Technology and the Reorientation of Key Officials, with the end result of enhancing the delivery of basic services to the public consistent with the national development objectives.

While we adhere to the rule of law, the preventive suspension being served to the Honorable Acting Secretary, will not be beneficial to the general public especially the needy whom the present administration has prioritized in the delivery of basic services instead, it will be counter-productive and would only delay the much needed projects expected by the Filipino people. Moreover, this will negate the reforms he initiated to reshape the image of our Department.

Rising from the ranks, Acting Secretary Soriquez has demonstrated remarkable accomplishments both in management effectiveness, wherein he has spearheaded transparency of all operations in the DPWH, project fast-tracking, and maintaining rapport with his colleagues and subordinates, giving paramount consideration to the employees' benefit and welfare.

THEREFORE, We, the key officials of Bureau of Equipment, the Regional Equipment Services and Area Equipment Services thru the Regional Equipment Engineer, respectfully convey to Her Excellency, President GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO our full, unqualified and unwavering support to the leadership of our Acting Secretary Florante M. Soriquez.

Done this 27th day of October 2003 at Manila, Philippines.

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Baguio-based solons to look at SC cottages

By Carlito Pablo

A GROUP of House legislators who voted to impeach Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr. said they would go to Baguio during the Halloween break to take a look at the Supreme Court cottages allegedly ordered built and renovated by Davide at what they claimed to be a colossal cost of P34.7 million.

One of the objects of their curiosity are the supposedly gold-plated faucets in what they claimed were American-style log cabins.

"I hope I can drink from the reported gold-plated faucets of the Supreme Court cottages," said North Cotabato Rep. Gregorio Ipong.

Another Nationalist People's Coalition Rep. Douglas Cagas is intrigued by the fireplaces. "I hope one justice will invite me for a fireside chat," said Caga, a congressman from Davao del Sur.

Cagas said that he had originally planned to go to Baguio in December but decided to make the trip earlier to see for himself how the cottages were "extravagantly repaired."

"If I'll be there, I'll just stand outside the gate and gawk and I hope that the guards will not arrest me for congressional interference," he said.

The alleged diversion of P34.7 million from the Judiciary Development Fund for the repair and construction of the cottages was one of the grounds cited by group in their impeachment complaint against Davide.

The JDF, which comes from court fees, is a multibillion-peso fund solely administered by Davide.

Under the law creating the JDF, 80 percent of the fund is to go to the cost-of-living allowances of judiciary employees and the balance to office equipment and facilities.

In their impeachment complaint, the congressmen said that judiciary employees had not been paid at least P500 million in allowances from 2000 to 2002.

Catanduanes Rep. Joseph Santiago said that the imposing stone structures of the Supreme Court cottages were the "newest tourist attraction in the summer capital."

"After going to my district, I'll heed (Tourism Secretary Richard) Dick Gordon's call to visit local tourist spots and dash [off] to Baguio," he said.

The House adjourned on Oct. 28 and will resume sessions on Nov. 10.

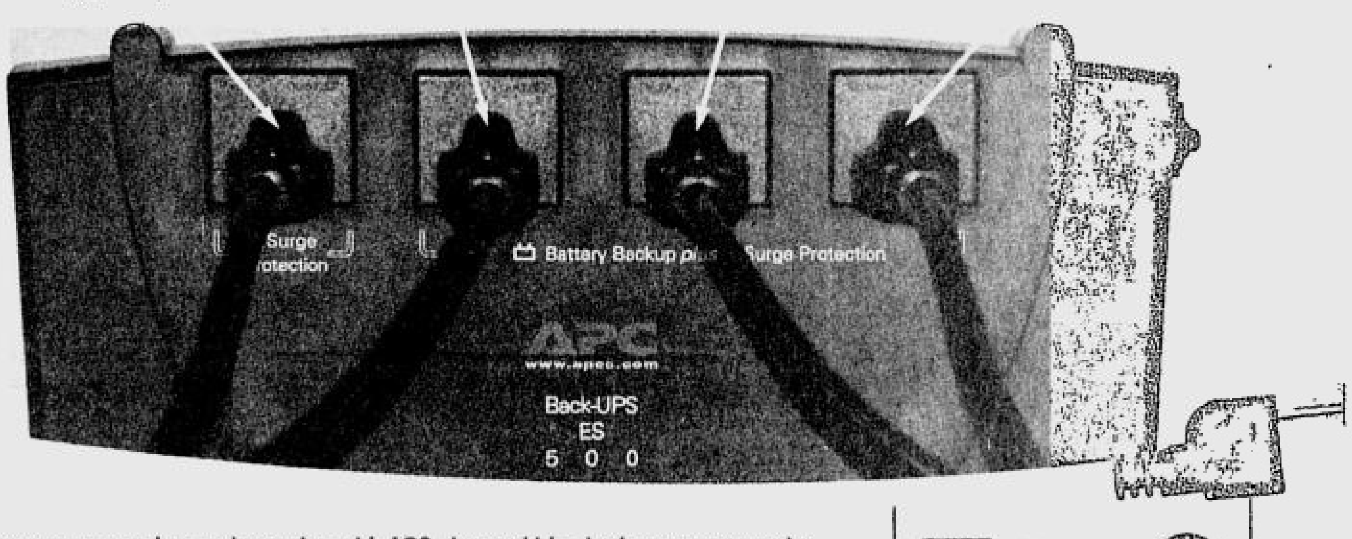
The adjournment stalled the referral to the Senate of the Articles of Impeachment against Davide and gave House members a two-week All Souls' break.

Santiago said a number of his colleagues who had been planning to go somewhere else will instead "endure the seven-hour drive from Manila to Baguio for rest and recreation, *ukay-ukay* shopping and some architectural sightseeing."

Lakas Rep. Rodolfo Albano of Isabela noted that when compared to the justices' cottages, the cottage of Speaker Jose de Venecia Jr. looks like a "squatter's hovel."

Albano said De Venecia's cottage was "spartanly furnished. The only amenity you can get there is a free serenade by ghosts."

A joint statement by the pro-impeachment House members identified the others who are planning to go to Baguio as NPC Representatives Conrad Estrella III (Pangasinan), Jesnar Falcon (Surigao del Sur) and Alfredo Maranon Jr. (Negros Occidental).



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PCGG to oppose Danding bid to lift coco fund freeze

By Alcuin Papa

THE PRESIDENTIAL Commission on Good Government (PCGG) yesterday said it would oppose a move by Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco to lift restrictions imposed by the Sandiganbayan on the 20 percent San Miguel Corp. shares being claimed by the businessman.

PCGG Commissioner Ruben Carranza said Cojuangco, through his counsel Estelito Mendoza, recently asked the anti-graft court to remove the restrictions.

Cojuangco wanted to be "absolutely free to dispose of the shares and its cash dividends even if the case is still pending," Carranza said.

"The PCGG is going to oppose his motion today (yesterday) at the Sandiganbayan hearing. The PCGG is also going to ask the Sandiganbayan to issue a judicial sequestration over the shares—which it can do," the commissioner pointed out.

Last Sept. 17, the Sandigan's First Division lifted the sequestration order but imposed four restrictions because the government was still claiming the shares.

The court said "any sale, pledge, mortgage or other disposition of any of the shares of the Defendants Eduardo Cojuangco et al. shall be subject to the outcome of the case."

Prior to any such disposition of the shares, the court said, Cojuangco would have to inform the PCGG. Likewise, the corresponding cash equivalent would be placed in escrow with the Land Bank of the Philippines "subject to disposition only upon further orders" of the court.

The same condition would apply if stock dividends were exchanged for the shares.

Carranza linked Cojuangco's move to the recent confrontation between the House of Representatives and the Supreme Court on the impeachment of Chief Justice Hilario Davide.

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UPIS feels pinch

THE GOVERNMENT-RUN "showcase" school for primary and secondary levels is being forced to dissolve entire sections just to cope with the economic pinch.

The University of the Philippines Integrated School in Diliman, Quezon City, announced to parents two weeks ago that, for the second semester, it is scrapping a section each in Grades 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, and 9.

These "cost-cutting" measures have alarmed the Alliance for Volunteer Educators, which yesterday lamented that what's happening in UPIS as yet another reflection of the "government's failure to prioritize public education."

AVE furnished the INQUIRER with an Oct. 15 letter from the UPIS principal, Dr. Julian Abuso, which cited the school's rising operations cost as main reason for the changes.

In the letter, Abuso said the budget allotted by Congress for the entire UP System has remained "constant vis-a-vis the escalating cost of maintenance, operating and other expenses, personnel services, equipment outlay, faculty development and other administrative overhead cost."

For AVE secretary general, Dr. Amang Magsaysay, "this is really sad. If this can happen to UP, which is considered as the showcase of quality education in the country, how much more to the rest of government-run schools?"

Volt Contreras

'Stereoviews' to cap National Museum 2003 lectures

STEREOVIEWS, the last lecture for the year in the National Museum's Lectures 2003 series, will be held on Nov. 8 at 10 a.m. at the Museum of the Filipino People and will feature an extraordinary presentation by collector and author Christian Perez.

Stereoviews are photographs taken with a special camera equipped with two lenses that take two shots simultaneously, much like two human eyes watching the scene.

The pictures were viewed with a stereoviewer for a three-dimensional effect. The pictures have been processed so that they can be seen in 3-D with special glasses that will be provided to the audience.

The presentation will feature photographs of streets in Manila and life in the provinces in the years 1898 to the 1920s as well as scenes from the Philippine-American War of 1899-1901. Perez will annotate the photographs.

Born in France, Christian Perez has been living in the Philippines since 1977 and now works at the Asian Development Bank. He is an avid collector of old maps, prints and books on the Philippines. He authored and published the book "Catalogue of Philippine Stereoviews" in 2002.

Lectures 2003 is sponsored jointly by the National Museum and the Museum Foundation of the Philippines. Venue is the Tambunting-Villonco Hall, 4th floor of the Museum of the Filipino People (former Finance Bldg.), Rizal Park.

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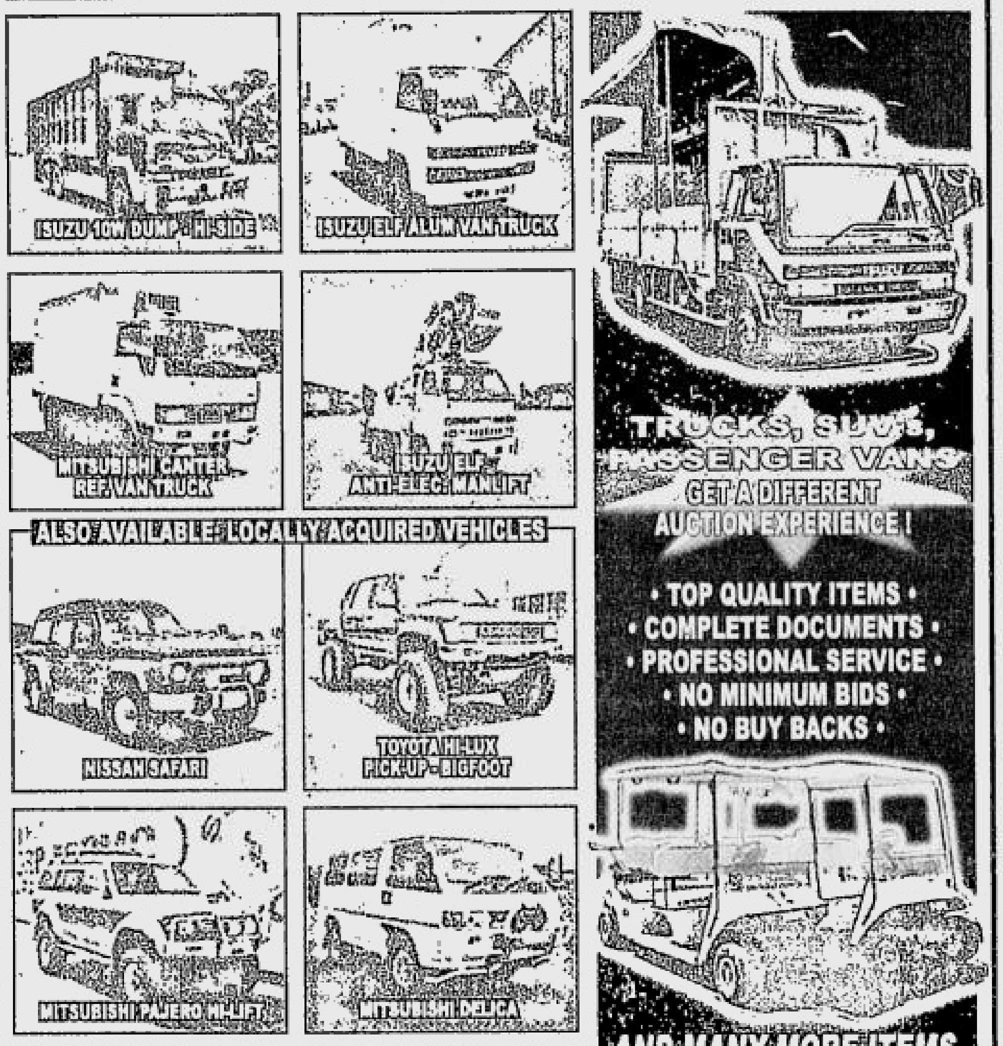
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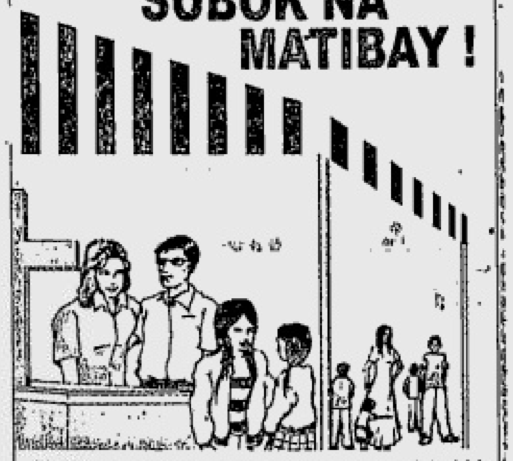
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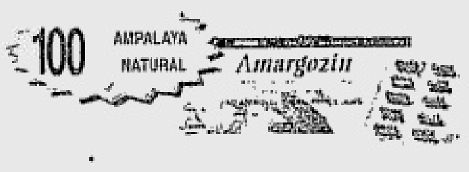

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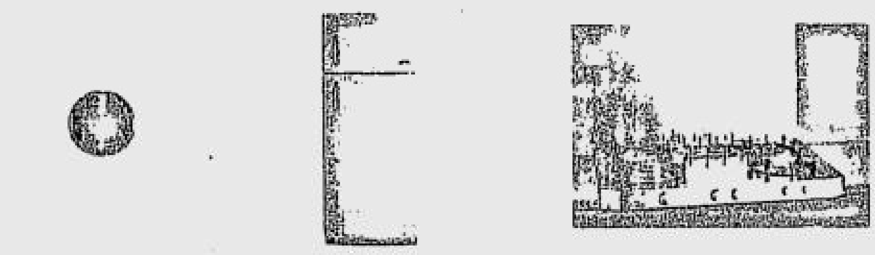
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US post-war deaths top Iraq war toll

BAGHDAD—US military deaths from hostile fire in Iraq have reached a grim landmark with the post-war toll surpassing the numbers killed during the invasion itself.

The military reported on Wednesday the deaths of two more American soldiers when their tank ran over a bomb about 120 km north of Baghdad on Tuesday night.

The Pentagon said this brought to 117 the number of troops killed since President George W. Bush declared major combat over on May 1. The toll surpassed the 115 killed during the actual war launched on March 20 that toppled Saddam Hussein from power.

In another example of the precarious security situation, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said it would pull some foreign staff out of Iraq following Monday's suicide bombings targeting its Baghdad base and three police stations.

The milestone in military casualties —no reliable figures are available for the many more Iraqis killed in the conflict—illustrates the scale of the resistance US forces have stirred since bursting into Iraq more than seven months ago.

The two soldiers killed late on Tuesday were from 4th Infantry Division. Another soldier was wounded in the attack.

"We're still in a war," said Col. William Darley, a US military spokesperson in Baghdad. He said many of those attacking US troops were ex-members of Saddam's security forces.

"A lot of these enemies faded out into the populace and we believe that it is a large part of those that make up our current opponent. So, is it a dangerous phase of the war? Of course it is," Darley told reporters.

US military officers have said, however, they believe foreign extremists rather than Iraqis carried out Monday's suicide bombings that killed 35 people and wounded 230, the bloodiest post-war day in Baghdad.

The traditionally neutral ICRC said in Geneva it would continue its work in Iraq, where it has about 30 foreign and some 600 local staff, but it would review its methods of operation to better protect employees.

"We are reducing the number of international staffers and implementing additional measures to increase security for our remaining staff," said Pierre Krahenbuhl, the Swiss-based humanitarian organization's director of operations.

Medical charity Medecins Sans Frontieres said on Wednesday it had decided to pull out four of its seven expatriate staff in Iraq following the Red Cross attack. *Reuters*

IRAQI women wait to be hired for work on a street in Baghdad Oct. 27. Women, mainly working in agriculture, gather every morning hoping a farmer will hire them for the day. AFP

N. Korea no longer demanding 'no attack' treaty with US

TOKYO—North Korea is no longer demanding a non-aggression treaty with the United States and will settle instead for a letter of assurance on its security from US President George W. Bush, Japanese media reports said on Thursday, quoting sources close to the negotiations.

"North Korea told the United States that it will not stick to the non-aggression treaty demand when they had contact in New York last weekend," Kyodo news agency quoted a source as saying.

The Asahi Shimbun daily, also reporting from Washington, said that while North Korea was no longer demanding a treaty, the apparent change in its position had raised questions about the substance and form a letter of assurance might take.

Earlier this month, Bush expressed willingness to give North Korea security assurances if Pyongyang abandoned its nuclear weapons program.

North Korea initially dismissed the proposal as "laughable" but said later it was prepared to consider a US offer of security guarantees.

The Asahi report said that under the proposal, North Korea would first declare it would abandon its nuclear weapons program in return for a letter from Bush.

It would then allow international inspections and dismantle its nuclear facilities while seeking oil and humanitarian aid.

The sources said the US government considered the revised position to be a good step, the newspaper reported.

The paper said the "acknowledgment of the withdrawal and willingness to accept a 'president's letter'" came from North Korean representative Han Song-ryol in a United Nations meeting on Oct. 24. *Reuters*

Indian to wed 2 sisters at the same time

NEW DELHI—An Indian man will next month marry two sisters simultaneously in an arrangement that has the blessing of their families but which has thrown up legal dilemmas, a report said Thursday.

The Asian Age newspaper said Amar Verma, from the city of Lucknow in northern Uttar Pradesh state, will on Nov. 25 marry Ragini Verma, 18, and her physically disabled sister Preeti, 21.

The groom told the newspaper that when he had asked to marry Ragini, her father, a retired schoolteacher, made it a precondition that he also marry Preeti.

"He, it seems, is concerned about Preeti's future after he (is) no more," the groom said.

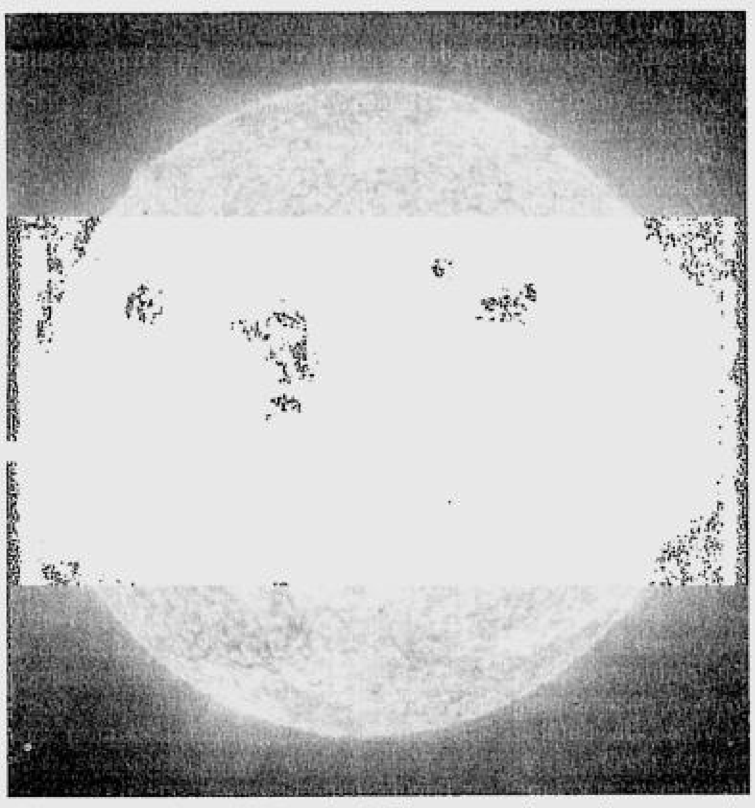
Amar's family was initially shocked at the "double deal" proposal but after much discussion agreed to the arrangement.

"Preeti is confined to a wheelchair and it would be difficult for her to fend for herself alone," said Arma's father Ram Swarup Verma.

However, legal experts quoted by the newspaper said it would not be easy to charge Amar with bigamy as he is marrying the sisters at the same time.

"It would be difficult to prove which of the two is actually the second marriage since the girls are being married simultaneously. Hence the court cannot nullify the second marriage," said a lawyer.

"Besides there is no aggrieved party in this case as both sisters have consented to the marriage," he added. *AFP*



THIS Oct. 28 Solar and Heliospheric Observatory image shows several giant sunspots crossing the face of the Sun. The most powerful solar flare in 14 years, a remarkable X18-category explosion, erupted from sunspot 486 (bottom, center) early Oct. 28. AFP

Solar hurricane wallops Earth's magnetic field

LONDON/NEW YORK—A shockwave from the Sun hit the Earth on Wednesday, the final burst from a solar hurricane that has hampered some space satellite transmissions and led electric grid operators to curb power transmissions as a precaution.

Scientists said the cloud of charged particles unleashed at high speeds by a hyperactive Sun and known as a coronal mass ejection (CME) was traveling at more than 8 million kph, taking just 19 hours from the Sun.

Power plants from Sweden to New Jersey cut production to limit how much electricity was flowing over transmission grids, preparing to absorb any sudden surge in energy that might result in coming days from lingering effects of the storm.

"It arrived at 6 this morning (2 p.m. in Manila) and was going much faster than people thought," Dr. Mike Hapgood, a space expert at the Appleton Laboratory in England said.

"There were some problems starting yesterday because of the effects that precede the arrival of this shock wave from the sun," Hapgood added.

"We expect this storm to continue through the day and tomorrow," said Larry Combs, a space weather forecaster at the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration's Space Environment Center in Boulder, Colorado.

The center, which acts as the official US space weather watching agency advising power utility, airlines and communications network operators of potential threats from space, issued its first warning of the storm a week ago.

Just hours after the earlier ejection, the sun sent another cloud of charged particles speeding straight toward Earth, according to John Kohl of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics.

Kohl, a senior astrophysicist, works with the SOHO satellite and said the latest coronal mass ejection left the sun around 4 p.m. EST (5 a.m. in Manila) Wednesday. "It's pretty much coming right at us," Kohl said in a telephone interview.

This latest CME is not quite as big as the one that arrived at Earth earlier in the day, but Kohl said, "This doesn't mean that the radiation will be less."

The gaseous cloud that dumps energy into the magnetic field that surrounds the Earth, creating a geomagnetic storm, was the final wave in a three-stage solar storm that first began peppering the Earth with X-rays at around 1110 GMT (7:10 p.m. here) on Tuesday.

These X-rays, which were traveling at the speed of light, forced air traffic controllers to scramble to find alternative communications channels and affected satellite transmissions of images back to Earth, weather experts said. *Reuters*

Police question Sharon over corruption

JERUSALEM—Prime Minister Ariel Sharon was questioned by police Thursday in two corruption investigations, Israeli media reported.

Sharon, the third sitting prime minister to be investigated by police, has denied wrongdoing.

One probe involves a $1.5 million loan from a South African businessman to Sharon's two sons, allegedly used to cover illegal contributions to his 1999 election campaign.

In the second case, police are looking into a business deal between Sharon's younger son, Gilad, and businessman David Appel, who has ties to Sharon's Likud party.

Appel allegedly paid Gilad Sharon hundreds of thousands of dollars to market a tourism project in Greece, media reported. Police are investigating whether Gilad Sharon was hired in an attempt to get his father, who was foreign minister at the time, to assist in getting the Greek authorities to approve the land deal, media reported.

A district court recently overturned a police request for Gilad Sharon to handover documents.

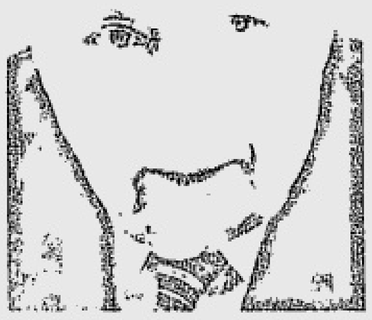
Israel Radio and Haaretz said it was expected that Sharon would refer questions about both cases to his sons, as he has done previously. Sharon has promised to fully cooperate with the police investigation. Media reports said police would question Sharon at his official residence in Jerusalem.

Sharon is the third prime minister to be investigated by police. Previous corruption inquiries against Benjamin Netanyahu and Ehud Barak were eventually dropped.

The first corruption allegation evolved in October 2001 when a report by the state comptroller said Sharon's son Omri, now a lawmaker, raised money abroad, through a company called Annex Research, for his father's successful 1999 campaign to win leadership of Likud.

Although there was no suspicion of criminal wrongdoing, the comptroller ordered Sharon to reimburse the company the $980,000 it paid his campaign.

According to Haaretz, Omri and Gilad Sharon tried to pay the money back by securing a bank loan using the Sycamore Ranch in Israel's Negev desert as collateral. The bank called off the loan after learning Sharon did not own the land outright, but leased it from the state.



SHARON

In January, a South African businessman and longtime friend of the prime minister, Cyril Kern, transferred $1.5 million to Sharon's sons. The money served as collateral for a loan to repay Annex.

Kern has said the money was not a political donation but a personal gift to help the prime minister's struggling ranch. Israeli media reported in July that investigators believed Kern was not the real source of the loan, but rather a front for other, unnamed businessmen. *AP*

Civilians doing US Army's work in Iraq, elsewhere

By Jim Krane

NEW YORK—In Iraq, private contractors do just about everything a soldier would do. They sling Spam in mess tents. They tote guns along base perimeters. They shoot. They get shot. Sometimes they get killed. And it's not just in Iraq, but around the world—in conflict zones from Liberia to Kosovo to Afghanistan—that the United States is putting hired help behind the front lines to ease the burden of its overworked armed forces.

By paying civilians to handle military tasks, the Bush administration is freeing up US troops to fight. But the use of contractors also hides the true costs of war.

Their dead aren't added to official body counts. Their duties—and profits—are hidden by close-mouthed executives who won't give details to Congress. And as their coffers and roles swell, companies are funneling earnings into political campaigns and gaining influence over military policy—even getting paid to recommend themselves for lucrative contracts.

For the civilians handling these soldierly jobs, the risks are high.

A contractor near the Iraqi city of Fallujah died and an American engineer was wounded when their vehicles came under attack Monday—possibly by US soldiers, said the British-based company, European Landmine Solutions. US officials said their soldiers weren't responsible.

The chief military contractor in Iraq, Kellogg, Brown & Root, has had three workers killed in Iraq, two of whom died in ambushes.

Another top US military contractor, DynCorp, saw three of its workers killed in an ambush by Palestinians in the Gaza Strip this month.

In Afghanistan, two civilian contractors working for the CIA were slain in an ambush Saturday.

And in Liberia, contractors guarding the US Embassy have fought like soldiers during rebel sieges, at times lifting guns from slain rebels, said Horacio "Hersh" Hernandez, a retired Marine with Intercon 'security in Liberia. He owes his job, he says, to post-Cold War defense cuts and a slew of new US engagements.

"It's a massive business boom for the private security field," Hernandez said.

As the United States slashes the size of its standing army from 2.1 million in 1990 to 1.4 million now, the Pentagon began running out of soldiers to handle postwar violence in Iraq and Afghanistan and peacekeeping in Bosnia and Kosovo while facing threats elsewhere.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld argued wars could still be fought without boosting the number of soldiers by outsourcing just about everything except battlefield gunning.

Under US employ in Iraq, American companies turn profits while operating missile defense batteries, piloting unmanned aerial vehicles and snapping satellite pictures of bombing targets.

The machine-gun toting guards who shadow Afghan President Hamid Karzai and L. Paul Bremer, the US administrator in Iraq, are private-sector workers, as are those who built and operate the cavernous white mess tent on the base of the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment in Baghdad.

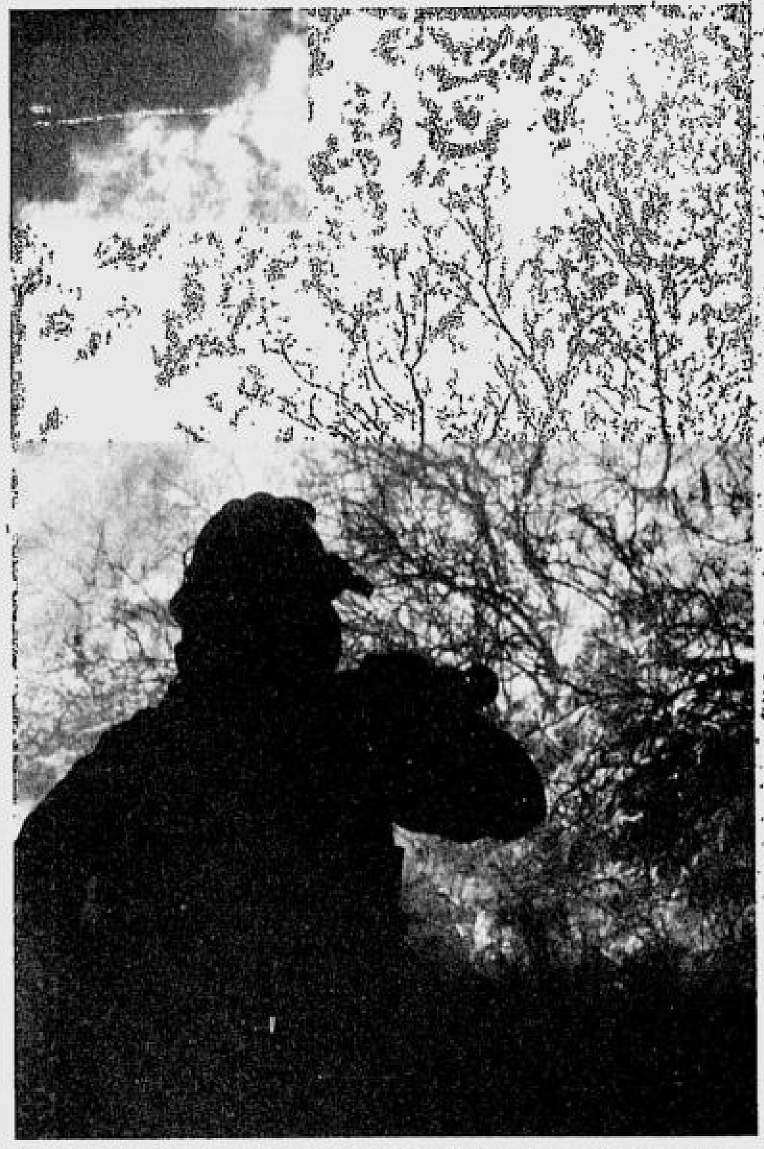
There, a $3 million contract with Kellogg, Brown & Root paid for the tent's construction and the Bangladeshi and Indian cooks who feed 4,000 troops daily. One soldier breakfasting inside the tent, a nine-year veteran, said she's been sent to patrol Baghdad since contractors took her job as a cook.

With Kellogg, Brown & Root handling everything from mail delivery to bug control on US bases in Iraq and around the world, plenty of other soldiers are finding themselves on the front lines.

Peter W. Singer, a Brookings Institution military analyst, estimates there is one contractor for every 10 foreign soldiers in Iraq— 10 times the private involvement in the Gulf War.

Worldwide, private military companies earn about $100 billion in yearly government contracts, Singer believes. Ninety private military companies are listed on the Web site for the Center for Public Integrity. In comparison, the US defense budget is about $380 billion this year, excluding emergency spending, and is expected to rise to more than $400 billion.

Some of the firms working in Iraq are huge, politically connected conglomerates like Halliburton—corporate parent of Kellogg, Brown & Root and formerly headed by Vice President Dick Cheney. Others are little known, like Erinys, a security firm largely staffed with former South African special forces that will train 6,500 Iraqis to guard oil installations. *AP*



US FOREST Service firefighter Jon Hamblin watches a back burn in an effort to combat the Cedar Fire in Santa Ysable, Calif., Oct. 29. AP

Firemen battle to stop flames from engulfing California towns

LOS ANGELES—Fires engulfing swathes of California killed two more people Wednesday, as firefighters battled to save entire towns from the flames that have devastated an area the size of a small US state.

The latest deaths brings to 20 the confirmed death toll from one of the state's worst ever fire disasters that officials say was largely sparked by arsonists.

One fireman died and three others were critically injured as they defended an historic hamlet near the southern city of San Diego, while another charred body was found in a house in the area.

Nearly 13,000 firefighters were making stands against 17 voracious fires that have scorched more than 2,470 sq. km of the most populous US state in nine days, officials said.

"This may be the worst fire disaster that the state has ever experienced," said outgoing Gov. Gray Davis after touring one of the key disaster areas in San Bernardino County, east of Los Angeles.

"We have more acres burned now than the entire state of Rhode Island," he said, adding that the three worst fires were "nowhere near containment."

Flames have chewed up 246,400 hectares destroying 2,125 homes and costing around $2 billion, the governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) said.

More than 100,000 people are believed to have fled their homes as the walls of fires advanced, relief workers said, but no accurate figures were available due to the rapid and erratic explosion of the fires.

The latest deaths added to 12 near San Diego, four in the San Bernardino fires and two in Mexico after the blaze jumped the border near San Diego.

Exhausted firefighters were battling to spare mountain-top resorts in the Big Bear and Lake Arrowhead areas of San Bernardino, as well as the San Diego-area gold-mining town of Julian, where the fireman died.

Some 129,600 hectares have burned around San Diego, where at least three major fires were blazing out of control.

At least one small town in the area was destroyed overnight, leaving only its city hall and fire station standing.

In San Bernardino, about 80 km east of Los Angeles, around 40,460 hectares were ablaze, with scores more houses exploding into flame Wednesday.

More than 50,000 people were evacuated Tuesday as fires leapt up slopes and over highways, exploding through fire lines and burning beetle-ravaged trees "like grass," fire officials said.

"I lived here all my entire life and never thought I would see the whole community fading away," US Forest Service spokesperson Carol Beckley said, breaking down in tears. "The scene is of catastrophe, devastation."

But the area could be in for worse as the fire begins to lick 160,000 hectares of dead trees consumed by drought and a bark-beetle plague.

"We are trying to keep the fire out of that area but if it does go up, it will be of epic proportions," said Andrea Tuttle, director of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

A further 99,000 acres were burning out of control northeast of Los Angeles in the Simi Valley area.

Ash and acrid smoke clogged the region's skies, prompting fresh health warnings for children, pregnant women and asthma sufferers to stay indoors while hundreds of schools were closed until next week.

"Smoke in wildfires carries the same carcinogens as cigarette smoke carries," said William Burke of the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

"This air condition is going to last for anywhere from seven to 90 days after this fire is out," he warned.

Military planes were among the 121 aircraft fighting the blazes from above. Planes were damaged after hitting debris, including wood planks, while flying at 450 meters.

Hollywood icon and California governor-elect Arnold Schwarzenegger visited the US Congress in Washington and pleaded for quick aid for fire victims after President George W. Bush declared a major disaster here.

"We have to get help as soon as possible," he said after meeting Federal Emergency Management Agency director Michael Brown.

Fitch Ratings credit assessor warned that the fires could leave the biggest insurance bill ever for such disasters, citing early cost estimates of insured damage of at least 500 million to $1.25 billion. *AFP*

Wildfires at a glance

MAJOR California wildfires had spread across 265,162 hectares Wednesday, killed 20 people and destroyed more than 2,600 homes:

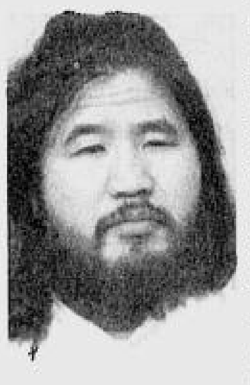
- CAMP PENDLETON, San Diego County: No deaths, 3,600 hectares. Started Oct. 21 on the Marine base, cause under investigation. Contained.
- CEDAR FIRE, San Diego County: 14 people dead, 100.400 hectares burned, 1,483 homes and 316 outbuildings destroyed. Death toll includes one firefighter. Started Oct. 25, apparently by lost hunter setting a signal fire. Air traffic nationwide was disrupted when flames forced evacuation of a Federal Aviation Administration control center. 15 percent contained.
- DULZURA FIRE, San Diego County: No deaths, 18,516 hectares burned, one home, five outbuildings and 11 structures damaged. Started Oct. 26, cause under investigation. Contained. Briefly burned across border into Tijuana, Mexico.
- GRAND PRIX FIRE, San Bernardino County: No deaths, 50 homes destroyed, 27,385 hectares. Started Oct. 21, blamed on arson. 25 percent contained.
- MOUNTAIN FIRE, Riverside County: No deaths, 21 homes destroyed, 3,897 hectares. Started Oct. 26, cause under investigation. Contained.
- OLD FIRE, San Bernardino County: 4 people killed, 850 homes, 10 commercial buildings destroyed, 19,187 hectares. Started Oct. 25, blamed on arson. 10 percent contained.
- PADUA FIRE, Los Angeles County: No deaths, 59 homes destroyed, 4,089 hectares. Separated from Grand Prix fire in San Bernardino County. 80 percent contained.
- PARADISE FIRE, San Diego County: 2 people killed, 19,920 hectares, 117 homes and 116 outbuildings destroyed. Started Oct. 26, cause under investigation. 20 percent contained.
- PIRU FIRE, Ventura County: No deaths, three homes, four outbuildings and one commercial property destroyed, 22,325 hectares. Started Oct. 23, cause under investigation. 20 percent contained.
- SIMI VALLEY, Ventura and Los Angeles counties: No deaths, 24 homes and 74 outbuildings destroyed, 42,266 hectares. Started Oct. 25, cause under investigation. 40 percent contained.
- VERDALE FIRE, Los Angeles County: No deaths, 3,472 hectares. Started Oct. 24, blamed on arson. Contained. *AP*

WORLDBRIEFS

British opposition finds new leader

LONDON—Right-wing former interior minister Michael Howard is set to become head of Britain's opposition Conservatives, newspapers unanimously predicted Thursday, a day after the fractured party ousted its leader. The press verdict followed a vote of no-confidence by Tory members of parliament in Iain Duncan Smith, who was accused of lacklustre leadership and of failing to profit from the troubles haunting Prime Minister Tony Blair. "Mister Right" was the verdict on Howard from the Sun tabloid, Britain's biggest-selling daily. The paper said the 62-year-old eurosceptic and hardline interior minister from 1993 to 1997, currently the Conservatives' finance spokesperson, had been "handed the party crown on a plate." *AFP*

Japanese cult guru blames disciples



ASAHARA

TOKYO—After a trial lasting over seven years, the defense in the mass murder trial of Aum cult leader Shoko Asahara on Thursday claimed in its final argument he was not guilty, putting the blame on his disciples. The 48-year-old Aum Supreme Truth cult guru, real name Chizuo Matsumoto, is facing a possible death sentence over the deaths of 27 people. He is accused of masterminding 13 crimes including the Tokyo subway attack in March 1995 and the murder of the entire family of an anti-Aum lawyer in 1989. The gassing on the Tokyo subway system killed 12 people and injured thousands, while an earlier sarin attack in June 1994 left seven people dead. Asahara has made no coherent statement since January 1998 when he denied masterminding the subway attack. *AFP*

Pakistan reciprocates India peace moves

ISLAMABAD—Pakistan sought to keep up the momentum toward peace with India, offering its own list of steps to improve relations and open the long-locked frontier in disputed Kashmir to civilian traffic—but only with United Nations monitoring. Foreign Secretary Riaz Khokhar acknowledged Wednesday that the measures each side has put forth are "piecemeal proposals" that sidestep a political solution on Kashmir, which he called "the cancer and the poison" between the nuclear-armed rivals. In the most startling advance, Pakistan accepted India's offer to reopen the road that winds through the mountains from Srinagar to Muzzafarabad, the capitals of Indian- and Pakistani-controlled Kashmir. The road has huge symbolic importance to Kashmiris, where many families live on both sides of the cease-fire line that divides Kashmir. Both nations claim the former princely state in its entirety; they have fought three wars, two of them over Kashmir. *AP*

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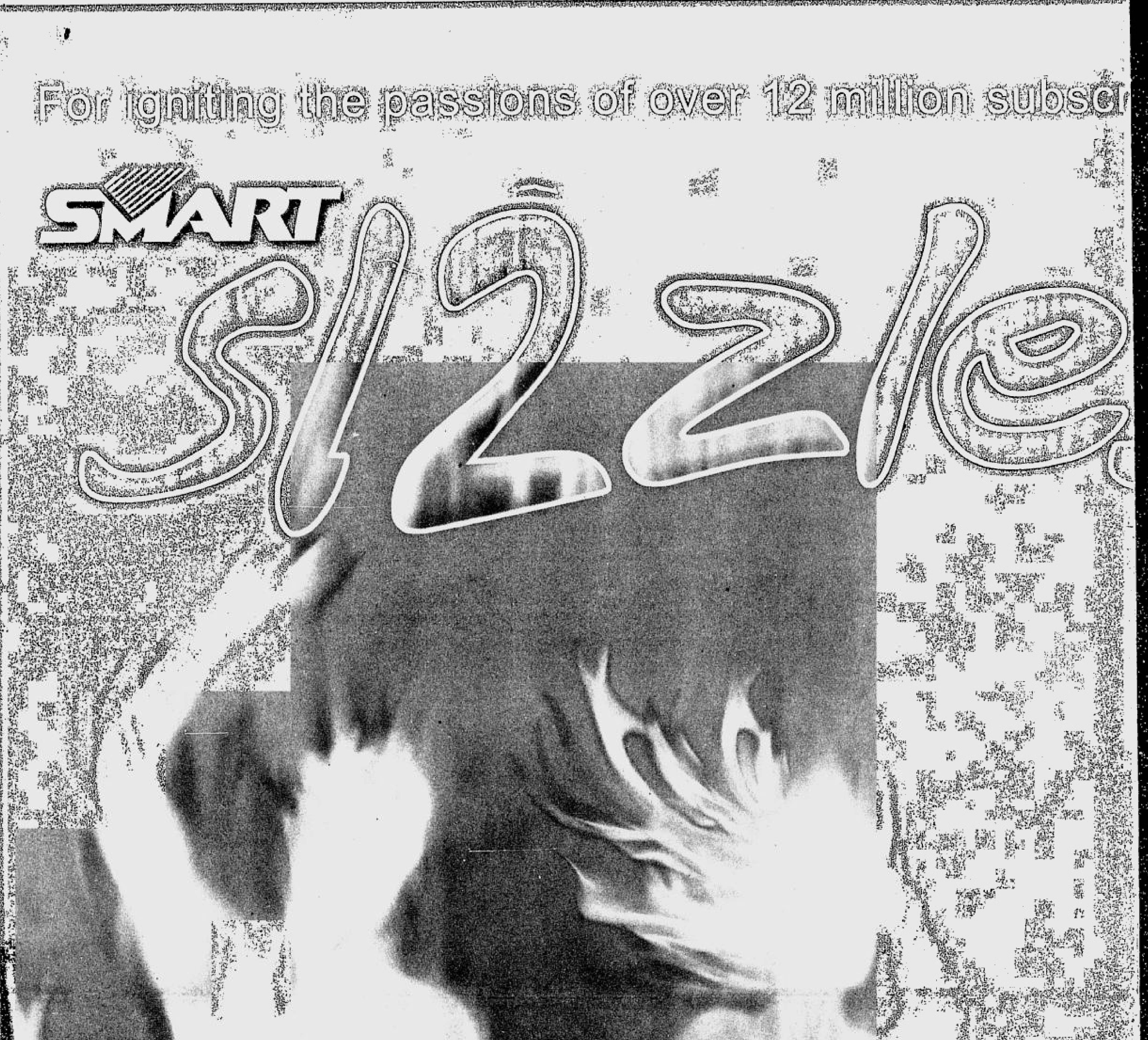
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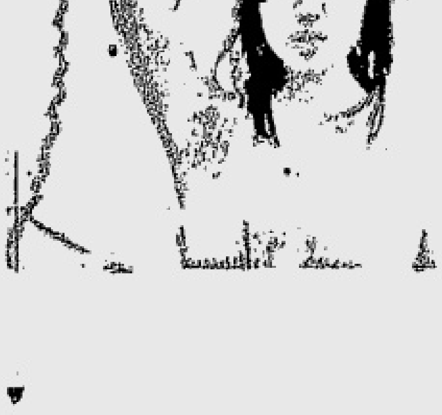

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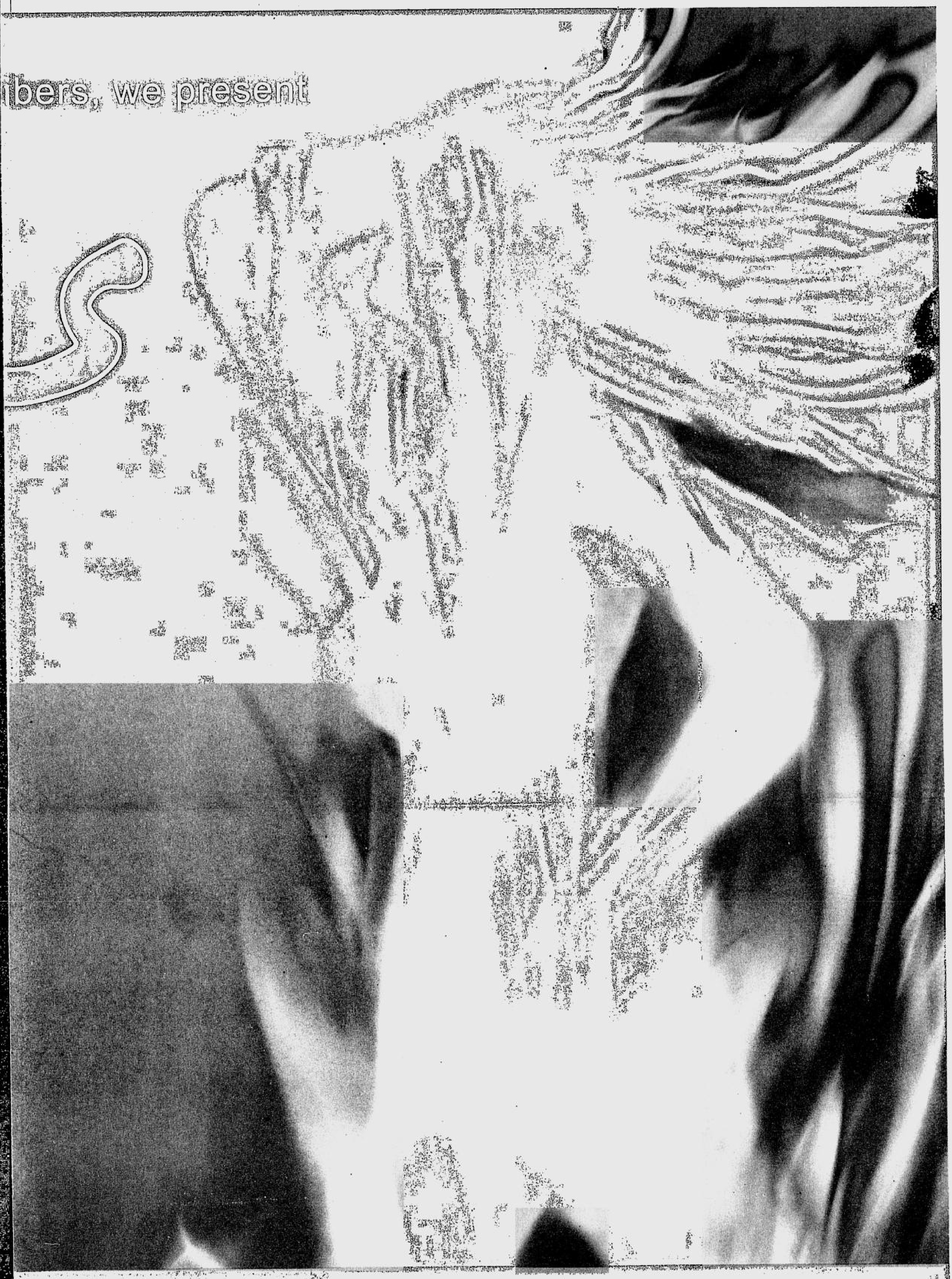

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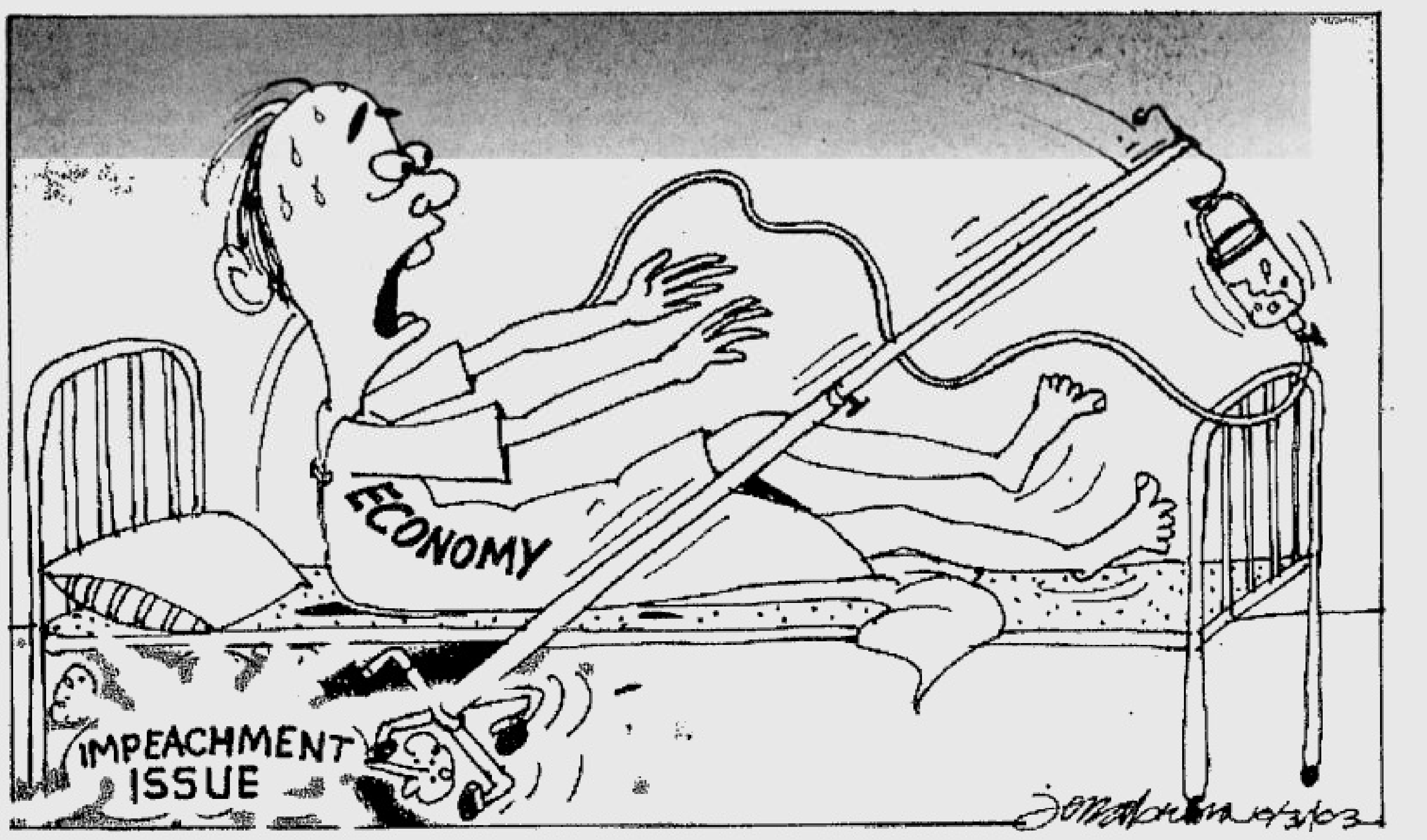

Double-talk

EDITORIAL

TO KEEP his post, Speaker Jose de Venecia appears to be willing to do anything, including going against what he himself calls "the national interest." Mere whispers about possible changes in the leadership of the House of Representatives, following the abrupt adjournment of its session last Tuesday, seem to have panicked De Venecia into casting his lot with the imps pushing for the impeachment of Chief Justice Hilario Davide.

The decision to adjourn before the scheduled congressional recess could have provided a cooling off period for both the House and the Supreme Court. But the very next day, De Venecia led the leaders of various political parties represented in the House in declaring war against the Court. After a caucus, De Venecia announced that the House would transmit the Articles of Impeachment against Davide to the Senate despite a status quo order earlier issued by the Court. He also said he would ignore the order to appear before the Court and respond to the petitions questioning the constitutionality of the impeachment of Davide.

"We should defend the political and territorial integrity of the House," De Venecia solemnly intoned. "We are responding to the order; it's not in the national interest to defy it. We will just question it."

That bit about defending the "territorial integrity" is clearly hyperbole; unless aliens from outer space have already invaded the House, there is no one who is even thinking about grabbing any House territory. The rest is plain and simple double-talk.

No matter how much De Venecia tries to sugarcoat it, the fact remains that the decision of the House constitutes outright defiance of the order of the Court. That order explicitly prohibits the House from transmitting the Articles of Impeachment to the Senate. To proceed with that course of action is to disobey the Court—not merely to question the wisdom or validity of the order. And that is when a real constitutional crisis begins.

House members should not muddle the issue by claiming that the Court is trying to beat Congress into submission or encroach upon its exclusive right to impeach erring officials. The issue before the Court is not whether Congress has the power to impeach—that is beyond argumentation. The issue is whether this particular case constitutes a second impeachment being initiated within a year's time, which is barred by the Constitution.

An earlier impeachment complaint against Davide was thrown out by the House committee on justice for "insufficiency in substance" only a few weeks ago. Now more than a third of the House membership has railroaded another impeachment complaint. The constitutionality of this latest move is what the Court is being asked to resolve. But De Venecia and company are now saying the Court cannot decide this issue, even if the Constitution expressly gives the Court the exclusive right to interpret the law.

So who else is there left to decide? Sen. Aquilino Pimentel Jr. says it should be the Senate sitting as an impeachment court. This court, he says, is "higher than the Supreme Court." Granting he is right (although we don't know on what authority he is making that assertion) the problem is, it doesn't exist. Such a court will come into being only when the Senate receives the Articles of Impeachment.

Before then, there will already be a full-blown constitutional crisis if both the House and the Court keep to their respective courses. If the House defies the Court like it has threatened to do, the latter may be compelled to call upon the executive to enforce its order. The House doesn't have the same power and authority.

De Venecia, who has now abandoned the national interest for his self-interest, should ask his colleagues to give this grim reality some thought before they force the issue.

Big risks

FOREIGN COMMENT

IT must now be clear to most people that the so-called war on terrorism includes big risks for both civil rights around the world and international stability.

At the same time that Russia now seems to be ready to follow the path of the United States and introduce "preemptive attacks" in its declared war on terrorism, a new UN report about the Arab world points out that Arab leaders also use "the war on terror" to restrict the rights of its citizens. It is not so much about Islam as a source of terrorism as western populists love to portray it but despotic leaders who use the fight against them as a cover to pursue political opponents—whether they are Muslims or not.

Politiken (Copenhagen, Denmark)

A game to keep you amused on All Saints' Day

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

WHAT'S in a name? Plenty, if you're an entertainer, a movie or television star, singer, director, dancer, etc. The name sometimes can spell the difference between being a box-office star or a flop. That is why many an entertainer has changed his or her real name for better appeal. Sometimes the change is to make the screen name harder to forget such as Engelbert Humperdinck or Whoopi Goldberg. At other times, somebody more famous already has your name, such as Albert Einstein. And you have no choice but to change it if your name is Issur Danielovitch.

For your amusement during the long hours that you're beside the tombs of your loved ones in the cemetery tomorrow, All Saints' Day, I made a list of the real names of some of the more famous entertainers of Hollywood. Most of them are a far cry from their screen names. The game is to match them with their screen names. For example, everybody knows that the real name of (c) Marilyn Monroe is (1) Norma Jean Baker. So just write (c) beside (1).

I have put clues on their screen names beside their real names. Some are easy, some not. Here's a tip: Some screen names are similar to their real ones.

Correct answers are placed upside down at the bottom of the column. Have a nice time:

1. Julie Wells—appeared in "The Sound of Music"
2. Reginald Carey—appeared with Julie Wells in another musical on Broadway
3. Frederick Austerlitz—famous dancer
4. Virginia Mcmath—favorite partner of Frederick Austerlitz
5. Frances Gumm—child singer-actress
6. Joe Yule Jr.—child actor who paired with Frances Gumm in many movies
7. John Freund—the voice of Charlie
8. Cheryl Stoppelmoore—one of "Charlie's Angels"
9. Issur Danielovitch—father of actor-director-producer Michael
10. Michael Douglas—"Batman"
11. Richard Starkey—one of the Beatles
12. Marion Morrison—durable cowboy star who died of cancer
13. Roy Scherer Jr. (later Fitzgerald)—died of AIDS
14. Harry John Deutschendorf Jr.—country singer who died in a plane crash
15. Robert Modini—the original "Untouchables"
16. Emmanuel Goldenberg—famous in gangster roles
17. Lee Yuen Kam—martial arts expert, now dead
18. Carlos Ray—another martial arts expert
19. Vivien Hartley—first starring role: "Gone With the Wind"
20. Khrisna Banji—Mahatma Gandhi
21. John Joseph Kejan—"Hawaii Five-O"
22. Dino Crocetti—a member of the Rat Pack
23. Joseph Levitch—comedian who partnered with Dino Crocetti in many movies
24. Suzanne Mahoney—"Three's Company"
25. Alfredo Cocozza—bellows-lunged opera singer
26. Maria Kalogeropoulus—another opera singer
27. William Henry Pratt—famous star of horror movies
28. Charles Buchinski—star of "Death Wish" series
29. Nathan Binbaum—appeared as God in two movies
30. Richard Jenkins—one of Elizabeth Taylor's husbands
31. Tula Finklea—a dancer
32. Leo Jacoby—his screen name is not very far from this name
33. Thomas Mapother—"Top Gun"
34. Camille Javal—a sex goddess from Europe whose initials are BB
35. Joseph Gottlieb—the last surviving member of the Rat Pack
36. Anthony Benedetto—just anglicize this singer's name
37. Vito Fannola—another Italian crooner
38. Larry Zeigler—TV talk show host whose name is followed by "Live"
39. Doris Von Kappelhoff—Que Sera Sera
40. Arnold Dorsey—real name of singer mentioned in intro

Choose your answers:

(a) Brigitte Bardot, (b) Fred Astaire, (c) Julie Andrews, (d) Tony Bennett, (e) Joey Bishop, (f) Charles Bronson, (g) George Burns, (h) Richard Burton, (i) Maria Callas, (j) Cyd Charisse, (k) Lee J. Cobb, (l) Tom Cruise, (m) Vic Damone, (n) Doris Day, (o) John Denver, (p) Kirk Douglas, (q) John Forsythe, (r) Judy Garland, (s) Rex Harrison, (t) Rock Hudson, (u) Engelbert Humperdinck, (v) Boris Karloff, (w) Michael Keaton, (x) Larry King, (y) Ben Kingsley, (z) Cheryl Ladd, (aa) Mario Lanza, (bb) Bruce Lee, (cc) Vivien Leigh, (dd) Jerry Lewis, (ee) Jack Lord, (ff) Dean Martin, (gg) Chuck Norris, (hh) Ginger Rogers, (ii) Edward G. Robinson, (jj) Mickey Rooney, (kk) Suzanne Somers, (ll) Robert Stack, (mm) Ringo Starr, nn. John Wayne

The correct answers:

(1)c, (2) s, (3) b, (4) hh, (5) r, (6) jj, (7) q, (8) z, (9) p, (10) w, (11) mm, (12) nn, (13) t, (14) o, (15) ll, (16) ii, (17) bb, (18) gg, (19) cc, (20) y, (21) ee, (22) ff, (23) dd, (24) kk, (25) aa, (26) i, (27) v, (28) f, (29) g, (30) h, (31) j, (32) k, (33) l, (34) a, (35) e, (36) d, (37) m, (38) x, (39) n, (40) u

Fallacies

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

MIKE Defensor says if Fernando Poe Jr. runs, it won't sit well with the public because it will be seen as an act of revenge for what Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo has done to Erap. Well, you grant it will be seen that way, you still have to ask: Why won't that sit well with the public? This is a public that likes action movies—that is why FPJ is Da King—and most action movies extol revenge. The movie-going public revels at the sight of the hero, whose loved one has been done in, getting back at the bad guys one by one in the most creative ways, the louder the better. It's the next best thing to doing the same thing to public officials.

But more than that, Defensor exhibits breathtaking selective perception. The public will resent FPJ because he has presumably decided to seek revenge but not GMA who has actually decided to lie about not running? As cultural sanctions go, GMA stands more to reap them than FPJ. Metro Manila may not have reacted violently to GMA breaking her word, but that is only because Metro Manila is a cynical place. Which same cynicism can't help GMA much come election time.

It's another story in the countryside, where folk hold a person's word inviolable. You won't find many contracts written down there, they are sealed by word of mouth. The one place in most Filipino towns that rivals the church in attendance on Sundays is the cockpit. That is the one place where one's word is held as sacred as Holy Communion. Nothing is written down, the bets reside in the memory of the "*kristo*"—the religious overtones are rich! Well, the sanctions go beyond derision: Bettors who renege on their debts end up with their throats slit. GMA is very likely to experience the same sensation next year (if we get there at all, the way things are going!). The folk in this *pintakasi*- and *jueteng*- and *sakla*-crazy country do not forget.

Incidentally, the cockpit, as Alan Berlow points out in his book, "Dead Season," is also the most democratic institution in the country, the great leveler, putting high and low side by side to bet against each other. But that's another story.

Fidel Ramos supplies the second fallacy. FPJ, he says, lacks the qualifications to be president. What we need, he says, is a president with experience. By that of course, he means GMA.

Well, if we followed his logic before, he would never have been president. If I remember right, he advertised himself openly as a newcomer when he ran for president in 1992, one untainted by the ways of the *trapo*. The *trapo* was Public Enemy No. 1 then, and Ramon Mitra was being tagged so. Mitra was clearly the most experienced among the candidates. He wasn't just the Speaker of the House, he was one of the victims of the Plaza Miranda bombing way back in 1971. Which was why Ramos pitched the opposite: He wasn't a *trapo* by virtue of being a neophyte politician.

I remember questioning that logic then in a column. If being a non-*trapo* simply meant being an electoral virgin, then all the movie stars and basketball players who were running for various positions were also non-*trapo* and deserved to win. It reduced to absurdity the meaning of *trapo* and non-*trapo*.

Ramos used the opposite argument at the end of his term to open the possibility of staying on despite the constitutional proscription. He was the Experienced One and it was hard to think of anybody else occupying the position. Can you imagine anyone saying "President Erap"?

My reply to that was that it wasn't true you put kingly robes on a monkey and he remains a monkey. Not in politics. You put kingly robes on a monkey, and surround him with the power that goes with them, including palace guards, and he ceases to be a monkey, he becomes king. The title of "President" does not naturally inhere in any person. Power always creates the illusion the wearer deserves the crown. When Erap became president, it was the most natural thing to call him "President Estrada," though arguably not without snickers among resolutely enlightened quarters.

All you need in fact to be a good president is a good learning curve. Erap had none.

The third fallacy is the one put out by GMA supporters that their *manok* will trounce FPJ despite his popularity because she has the resources, she is the incumbent, and she can always resort to cheating. It's just a lot of whistling in the dark. Or looking ahead through a rearview mirror. The 1992 and 1998 elections refute it. If they show anything conclusively, it is that resources, organization, and the ruling party are not decisive in national elections, only in local ones. Ramon Mitra and Jose de Venecia had all three in the elections of 1992 and 1998 respectively. They did not only lose, they lost badly, landing in the bottom of the heap.

Which is the other thing those elections show very conclusively: *Trapos* not only do not win, they are rejected. There is no one single or clear definition of a *trapo*. But intuitively, people see as *trapo* someone who so craves to win he (she) will make a pact with the devil himself (herself?) for it. Monching was seen as such. Joe de V was seen as such. Gloria is seen as such. Lying to the public cannot possibly help improve her image.

Of course there's always cheating, and the way the Comelec is managing, or manipulating, things, there's every reason to believe it will be resorted to. But it's not just that other people have the resources to counter that. It's also that that is the riskiest thing to do. If I remember right, that was what sparked the first Edsa: the perception—no, the certainty—Marcos cheated Cory of the crown.

All this merely shows GMA's people are wrong to think the way they do. It doesn't mean FPJ is right to go the way he does—or is being persuaded to do. But that is still another story.

Hostages to the NPC

Analysis

Amando Doronila

THE HARDENING stalemate between the Supreme Court and Congress over the impeachment complaint against Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr. is developing into a free-for-all, sucking all the three coequal departments into a triple collision.

Although the conflict between the Court and the House has been focused thus far on whether the House would transmit the complaint to the Senate for trial, President Macapagal-Arroyo has been drawn into the fray.

If the stand-off hardens, the sparks in this clash can drag the executive, forcing it to exercise emergency powers to stop the nation from plunging into a total constitutional breakdown. The President has stepped into the conflict with a call on the Court and the House to forge a "covenant" that can resolve the conflict between the principle that upholds the authority of the Court as the "final authority to interpret the Constitution" and the "need for strong institutional checks and balances" among the three departments.

The President's call came too late. As such it was only a remedial initiative that came as the conflict was already reaching the flash point. The belated intervention illustrated the President's failure to take preventive intervention while the complaint was still being concocted by the congressional hit men of business tycoon Eduardo Cojuangco and before it was railroaded by Cojuangco's Nationalist People's Coalition, with the aid of a number of the majority Lakas congressmen. The President and Speaker Jose de Venecia were aware that their NPC allies had been working on the impeachment complaint and they cannot claim they had no foreknowledge of it.

At that point, either the President or the Speaker could have nipped the move in the bud, but their failure to take preemptive action by using their numbers in the House to block the NPC-driven impeachment illustrates a failure of leadership in averting a constitutional crisis.

With the Court and the House hardening their positions, the presidential appeals for a "covenant" between the House and the Court is falling on hard rock.

As the impasse stands today, there seems to be no stopping the House from transmitting the complaint on Nov. 10, when Congress resumes its session and no stopping the Senate from receiving the complaint, thereby starting the trial. Unless the President exerts her powers and authority as Lakas leader to twist arms to stop the House from transmitting the complaint to the Senate, a showdown is inevitable after the 14-day congressional recess.

Neither the President nor the Speaker has the will and coercive power to persuade their NPC allies to abandon their determination to transmit the complaint and any forceful act by the President risks a break-up of the Lakas-NPC coalition that keeps the Speaker in power in the House.

Both the President and the Speaker have become hostages to their NPC allies.

The sustained attack on the Court, launched earlier by deposed President Joseph Estrada who has relentlessly challenged the Court's decisions upholding the legitimacy of the Macapagal administration, followed by the damaging attacks by Cojuangco's cohorts embedded in the House, have already eroded the authority of the Court to issue decisions on sensitive constitutional issues, including those involving separation of powers

The last blow to the Court's authority to decide on constitutional issues came the other day when the Court, en banc, issued a "status quo" resolution calling on the House to refrain from transmitting the complaint to the Senate and the Senate from receiving it.

The resolution even fired up the NPC cohorts of Cojuangco to put pressure on De Venecia to push the transmittal of the complaint and to defy the Court. The resolution has not only provoked bellicose statements from the NPC and even from De Venecia, forcing them to close ranks, making the forging of a covenant between the House and the Court nearly impossible at this point.

The resolution has become so controversial and has sparked a wider controversy, prompting many parties, including lawyers of varying political persuasions, to jump into the fray, questioning the legality and constitutionality of the Court's status quo resolution.

In this melee, where every action of the Court is challenged and faces non-compliance, the Court has effectively lost its function as the final arbiter and referee of constitutional issues. Nothing illustrates more vividly the breakdown of the refereeing role of the Court than this melee where every lawyer and every partisan has asserted his own interpretation of the issues and has sought to be a Supreme Court, without a constitutional mandate to exercise that arbiter role.

We have already entered into the riotous situation, like a disputed football game in which the referee has been assaulted by the players in the field and where partisan fans from the bleachers are rioting on the field. When nobody accepts the referee's decision, everyone becomes a law unto himself—and everyone includes Congress, lawyers and political partisans. In a total breakdown of the rules, the police has to enter the arena to restore order.

Two entities can restore order and authority in this chaos: either the chief executive or the armed forces, of their own accord. Among the three departments, only the President has reserve powers to call in the army to restore order in case of a "national emergency." Should Congress continue to defy the Court and refuse to obey is orders, only the President can call upon the coercive organs of the state to enforce the Court's orders. It is hoped we don't come to that point.

New use for texting

At Large

Rina Jimenez-David

IT'S the first in the world, this new SMS application (better known as texting around here) called "Text-Insure."

Just by texting, at P10 per message, anyone can now avail of 24 hours of personal accident insurance coverage. Jointly developed by Smart and Malayan Insurance, "Text-Insure," say its developers, "will make the tedious process of insurance application and payment faster, easier and more convenient."

This is certainly not just a convenience, but real public service, since a great majority of Filipinos do not enjoy accident insurance coverage. There are many reasons for this, foremost of which is lack of access and the fact that they simply can't afford the premiums. Add to this the Filipino penchant for leaving things up to fate or for not acting until the last minute, and we have the spectacle of accident or disaster victims and their families settling for paltry sums as compensation, or else waiting for the "charity" of whoever is responsible for the mishap. And often, the amount offered is just barely enough to cover funeral expenses.

"Text-insure," though has the potential of "democratizing" insurance coverage in this country, making it possible for any Filipino who can afford P10 to send a text message to avail of accident insurance coverage of up to P500,000 for a 24-hour period. All this with no need for medical checkups, no minimum terms, no monthly bills.

How does "Text-insure" work? For starters, you must register first by texting some personal information: Text INSURE REGO <Alias (or nickname)> <Age> <Last Name> <First Name> <Middle Name> and send to 323.

After registering you will receive a text message with the unique passport key number for your cell phone and instructions on how to buy insurance. The one-time registration costs P2.50

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JUST like regular insurance, for your protection, you will need to sign an insurance policy. "Text-Insure" insurance policies will be published in major newspapers (including the INQUIRER) every Friday. You only need to register and sign the policy once. You do not need to submit the policy, but you should keep it because you (or your survivors) will need it when making an insurance claim.

Once you have registered and signed the policy, you can now purchase your P500,000 personal accident insurance. Just text the following information: INSURE BUY <Alias> <Passport key> (which is supplied after registration), and send to 323 for both Smart and Talk 'N Text.

You will immediately receive a confirmation text message with the date and time of the effectivity of the insurance coverage and an insurance Certificate of Coverage Number. You will be charged P10 per insurance purchase.

"Text-Insure" accident insurance will be guaranteed by Malayan Insurance, the top non-life insurance company in the Philippines.

The system has built-in features against fraud. When the system was demonstrated to me, the processing center was able to detect whether the person buying insurance was still covered by an existing 24-hour policy. But what if everyone on, say, a sinking boat, began frantically texting and buying insurance for themselves? The fine print in the policy, I'm told, will enable the insurer to refuse to pay if the policy was bought at precisely the time the mishap occurred.

The technology of texting has been put to such silly (but immensely profitable) use as downloading celebrities' faces or even having them as one's "textmates." But "Text-Insure" is one example of technology serving a socially useful and beneficial end.

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ANOTHER socially useful and beneficial program is the Ford Foundation International Fellowships Program (IFP) administered in the Philippines by the Philippine Social Science Council (PSSC).

The IFP is a $280-million program of the Ford Foundation implemented in 22 countries, including ours. Its objective is to develop a pool of leaders by giving scholastically promising, service-oriented but disadvantaged individuals the resources to pursue a master's degree or doctorate in a university of their choice. IFP scholars are supported by the program for a maximum of three years of graduate study.

The PSSC is now accepting applications from prospective Filipino scholars, with priority to be given to individuals residing or working in a fourth- or fifth-class city or in a fourth- to sixth-class municipality. Those belonging to ethnic and cultural minorities and people with disabilities are particularly encouraged to apply. Other requirements are: must be a resident of the Philippines or a Filipino citizen; have at least three years of relevant work experience; have a college degree with above-average performance; and actively involved in social and community work. There is no age limit, and women are likewise encouraged to apply as gender balance among the scholars is a goal of the program.

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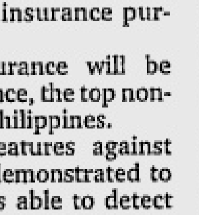
WHEN the program was launched here last year, the PSSC distributed over a thousand pre-application forms, and of these 627 were submitted. Nearly half, or 314 were deemed qualified for full application, and their number was further winnowed to 141. These were then evaluated further, after which 57 applicants underwent interviews conducted by an independent panel. Finally, 34 fellows were chosen, four of whom have graduated while the rest have begun or are about to begin their studies in academic institutions in the United States, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands and the Philippines.

Those interested may request for pre-application forms from the PSSC at Tel. Nos. 922-9630 and 929-2671, or by visiting IFP's website at www.ifpphil.net.

Ghost stories



Looking Back

Ambeth R. Ocampo

WHEN one compares what we fear with what our parents and grandparents were afraid of, we realize that Halloween terror used to be so simple: one just needed a crucifix or a garland of Ilocos garlic and vinegar to keep the monsters at bay. Come to think of it, a bowl of chicken-pork *adobo* a day would keep the *aswang* away.

The late E. Aguilar Cruz once related how he was kept prisoner in a room as a child. All the elders had to do was open a thick book from his grandfather's library to a page that had a picture of a man that, to Cruz's mind, resembled the devil himself. This book was left open by the door and Cruz would never think of crossing over it. Decades later he recognized this "devil" of his childhood in a book of European philosophy: the man in black was Rene Descartes.

My childhood also had its share of ghosts, ghouls and vampires, but then in my teen years the horror movies had less of supernatural beings and more of mentally deranged murderers who loved chopping up teenagers with too much hormones, using an assortment of knives, axes and even a chain-saw. These things were not frightened off by garlic or a crucifix; you either ran fast or used a cannon to get rid of them.

Campfire talk in my grade school days were filled with stories of headless women and floating skeletons. Parents then saw no problem in letting us sleep in school or in Boy Scout camp, but today they worry about rapists, murderers or kidnappers.

When folks in Kawit, Cavite, talk about the *kapre* that supposedly inhabits the tower of the Aguinaldo mansion, I wonder what kind of stories were being told in 1898. Aguinaldo's *kapre* isn't harmful at all. As a matter of fact, it is credited with warning Aguinaldo of impending danger or the approach of enemies. To this some folks attribute Aguinaldo's longevity. He did outlive all his enemies, but then with the new anti-smoking law, the friendly *kapre* will have to find somewhere else to smoke or give up those cigars.

What type of ghost stories were exchanged over the campfire during the revolution? Did our heroes believe in the supernatural? We can at least answer the second question affirmatively, based on the many *anting-anting* taken from the corpses of dead Filipinos by the Spaniards and Americans during the war. Did belief in the creatures of midnight affect night operations during the revolution?

During the anti-insurgency campaign in the Magsaysay years, fear of the *aswang* was used to keep rural people indoors at night. They lay in wait for a Huk patrol and silently captured the last man in the line. The victim was then killed, two incisions made on his neck and he was hung upside down till he was drained of blood. When the corpse was found the next day, *aswang* rumors spread like wildfire and any stranger in the area was either lynched or reported to the authorities, thus cutting off support for the insurgents.

Yet the horror stories persist despite the admission of CIA operative Landsdale that the *aswang* scare was his handiwork. The legendary "White Lady of Balete Drive" in Quezon City is also a hoax that persists. Rizal also records a story in a little-known treatise on the *mangkukulam* he wrote in 1892:

"In one town of Luzon, called B[iñan?] of the Province of Laguna, they tell the story of a woman who quarreled with a *manggagaway* on account of a bag of rice and two mangoes. The following day the woman got sick and in her abdomen there appeared a tumor that looked like a bag of rice and the two mangoes in question. Immediately they took hold of the *manggagaway* and they tried to compel her to cure the sick woman.

"The latter died in a week amid atrocious pains and the *manggagaway*, who escaped the ire of the relatives with great difficulty, was sentenced by the *gobernadorcillo* to 50 lashes daily. But on the second day of her sentence, they found her hanging from the grille of the jail with a rope that she had made with the lining of her skirt. In order to die, the unhappy woman had had to draw herself together a great deal and bend her legs, for the grille was low. 'The devil helped her to commit suicide,' said the devout."

Reading the above, I suspect the "witch" was murdered but the deed was made to appear like suicide. There must be some documentation on the above somewhere to complete the story.

Today we don't need to go to the archives for Halloween tales. The Internet is full of them and one of the most realistic I got from the e-mail reads:

"Happened to a friend's friend *na* doctor *sa* Makati Med. One night while she was on her way to the fifth floor to check on her patient (she was on the basement), *sumakay siya sa* elevator. May lady *dun...silang dalawa lang*. When the door opened on the third floor, they saw a young girl running toward the elevator as if *sasakay siya*. The doctor closed the door immediately.

"*Tinanong siya nung* lady, 'Doc, *bakit nyo sinara? Mukang sasakay yung babae.*'

"The doctor replied, 'I know her, she was my patient and she died yesterday!'

"The lady asked, '*Doc, paano mo naman nalaman na patay na, eh tumatakbo pa nga?*'

"The doctor answered: 'Did you see the red tag on her wrist? *Pag*-dead *na ang* patient, red tag *na ang kinakabit sa* wrist *nila*."

"The lady asked while raising her wrist to the doctor, 'Doc, *parang ganito?*'"

Happy Halloween.

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Grieving

High Blood

Naty Lapuz-Templo

WE'D also like to know the concerns of the sixtysomething and above, what makes their blood pressure rise or makes them sit back, content that all's well with their world and with themselves. —Ed.

LIKE many customs and practices in these arguably enlightened times, wakes and funerals have changed a lot. We don't see much evidence of public grieving and weeping anymore, at least not in the way our elders were used to. Sometimes we don't even hear mournful music, and in its place are jazz and lilting romantic numbers, usually favorites of the wake/funeral's central figure.

It could be that people are finally heeding the admonition of religious leaders not to wallow in sorrow but to let the spirit of the dearly departed go freely. That is why "final send-offs" are now becoming less somber. In fact, we are told that, ideally, they should be occasions for cheering. The attitude must be "Let us rejoice, for we now have a brother or sister (regardless of our earthly relationship with the deceased) in heaven."

At the extreme, wakes provide opportunities for reunions and social gatherings, where food and partying are called for. During election time, it is not surprising to encounter political candidates shaking hands with mourners and other guests. Constituents may also deem it an opportune time to seek a public official's help for a job or some favor. Such activities may divert a family's grieving; worse, they tend to desecrate the occasion.

But much as we tend to admire those who are able to control their grief (remember the remarkable Jacqueline Kennedy at the assassination of her beloved Jack in 1963?), we respect others who do express their pain and anguish. As psychologists say, grieving or crying provides a catharsis and enables one to achieve mental health. The venerable William Shakespeare once wrote, "Give sorrow words; the grief that does not speak whispers the o'er-fraught heart and bids it break."

Tears, according to Tom Lutz, author of "Crying: The Natural and Cultural History of Tears," are also a communication medium. "They can be used to persuade or evade, to clarify or obscure, to reveal or disguise the self and its motives. They can be used, like any language, in the full gamut of human projects, from the sublime to the ridiculous."

In this regard, I would say that rural folk such as those in my hometown in Arayat, Pampanga, are better than city dwellers at shedding tears and therefore at maintaining their mental health, whether they are aware of it or not. I remember going to wakes when I was younger and being assailed by the wailing of assorted mourners in varying degrees of loudness and intensity, not unlike the discordant tones of an unrehearsed or badly conducted orchestra. To show their love for the departed, weeping relatives did not also mind uttering, without embarrassment, their very private thoughts and feelings.

Sympathizers were often moved to tears by the lamentations of a bereaved wife, although some outbursts brought ill-disguised chuckles as well. For it was not unusual to hear profound grief expressed as "*Darlengggggg, bakit mo ako iniwan? Sino pa ngayon ang gugulpi kay Junior 'pag umuuwi siya ng lasing* (Darling, why did you leave me? Who will now beat up Junior when he comes home drunk)?"

A listener half expected Junior, who would be shaking in sobs in a corner of the house, to give voice to his own remorse by crying out, "*Dadeeeeee, patawarin mo po ako sa paglalasing koooooo! Kahit wala ka na po, pinangangako ko na hinding hindi na po ako maglalasingggggg, boo-hoo-hoo-hoo* (Daddy, forgive me for my drinking. Though you are no longer here, I promise that I will never get drunk again)." But since men, by nature, are better than women at keeping their feelings in check, Junior would not be caught making public avowals of better deportment, lest he invite censure if he later falters.

A sorrowing mother might pour out her grief with "*O Atong, anak ko, kagabi lang pinaghehele mo pa ang kapatid mong bunso habang kinakanta mo ang* 'My Love for You.' *Ngayon wala ka na. Napakasakiiiiitttt* (Atong, my son, yesterday you even put your youngest sibling to sleep while singing 'My Love for You.' Now you are gone. How painful it is)!"

Graveside spectacles were no less heart-searing, particularly as the coffin was being lowered into the ground. Who would not take pity—and sob along—when the disconsolate new widow verbalized her wish to join the husband in that gaping hole. "*Isama mo na ako, Darlengggggg! Huwag mo 'kong iwannnnn* (Take me with you, Darling. Don't leave me)."

This sometimes prompted some insensitive kibitzers to murmur among themselves, "Why doesn't she jump into the pit if she is serious?" Fortunately, at least a couple of burly male relatives would be on hand to restrain her.

I'm not sure whether rural folk, who must have gained some sophistication and been affected by cultural changes over the years, behave any differently now. Maybe. But somehow I wish that their basic simplicity and their openness in confronting their grief and demonstrating it will remain—for there lies their unique charm and enduring beauty.

Naty Lapuz-Templo has been to several wakes and funerals. The ones she remembers with fondness are those she observed in her hometown, Arayat, Pampanga. She retired from government service and now writes for women's magazines.

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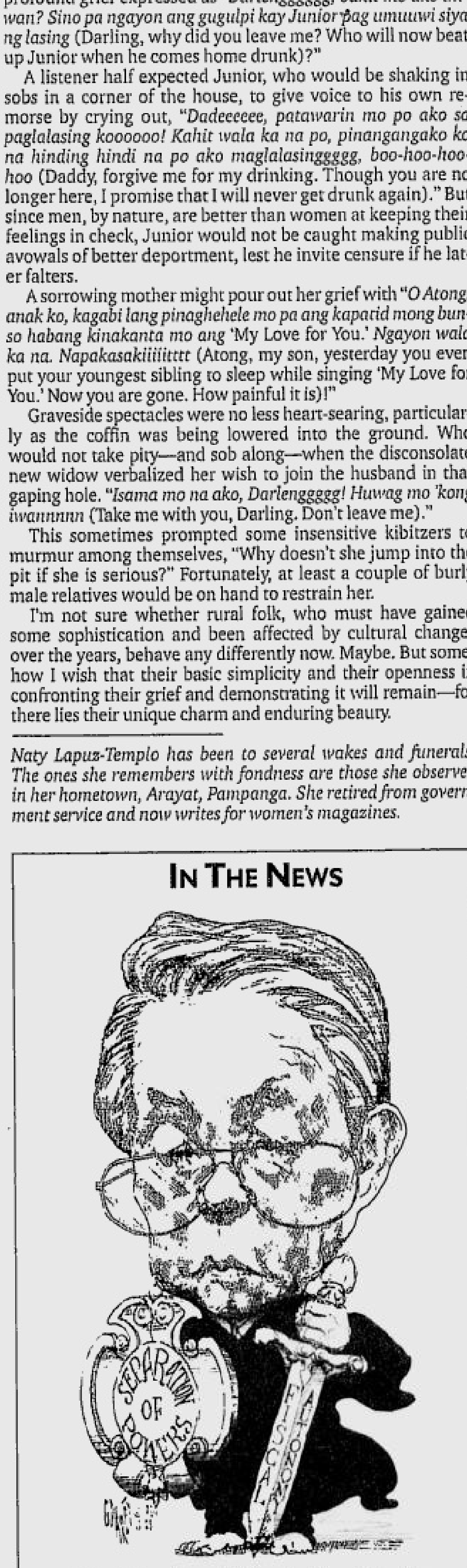

Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr.

Last bastion of democracy under threat

EDSA II was raging for several days. Then Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr., accompanied by other justices, swore Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo into office. That ended the controversy and the chaos in the streets.

The nation was obviously divided on whether GMA should be President or not. But the demonstrators went home and the government bureaucracy returned to its usual business under the new leadership.

This moment in our history shows that there is strong national recognition of the judiciary as the hallmark of our democratic institutions, as the sentinel of the rule of law, as the only determinant of what the Constitution means.

Let us not destroy the last institution that holds our country together. The other branches of government have already lost credibility, being so corroded with undue politicization, self-interest, deceit, ineptness and corruption, and by their general failure to deliver promises made to the people. One need not look far to see that this is true: the increasing amount of pork barrel that Congress legislates in aid of reelection, the ballooning budget deficit and increasing poverty. Congress has deceived the public by using its investigative powers for political leverage, vengeance and grandstanding.

Thank God, when a court renders a judgment, it is followed. When a judgment is considered wrong, the recourse is appeal, not disobedience. This is because the judiciary is the only institution that ensures our citizens that every case is resolved in accordance with law and due process.

But even this last bastion of our fragile democracy is now being threatened. Chief Justice Davide, a Ramon Magsaysay awardee for public service, a public servant long highly regarded for his integrity, dedication, hard work and modest lifestyle, is being charged with corruption and threatened with impeachment.

Have we no more need for the constitutionally mandated institutions—the Commission on Audit, National Bureau of Investigation, Ombudsman—to do their job, such that the congressmen can, on their own, speculate and hastily pass judgment on an allegation of a wrongdoing? Has the report of the COA, which clarified that there was no corruption and no misuse of public funds, no value at all?

The motives of the congressmen who signed the complaint are highly questionable. It is obvious it is not for the national interest. Equally obvious it is that they are out to protect the aggrandizing interest of someone.

If the tools of government for discerning right from wrong can be used to promote personal gains or a political agenda, what will be left of our republic? The Chief Justice and the Supreme Court must hang on and fight, with the Constitution on their side. They have no choice. Bowing down to the harassment and scare tactics of Congress would mean giving up the last bastion upon which our democracy stands.

Our most dangerous enemy is the evil within us. But our strongest weapon is the other part of us: the good within. Our judiciary needs to be defended against the forces that want to malign it in order to destroy our democracy.

—SALVADOR M. ENRIQUEZ JR.
chair, Center for Democracy and Development Concerns (CDDC), Pasig City

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER LETTERS

First the pols, then the judges

I NEVER thought that a day would come when I would wish for a military takeover of the government.

The day has come. It is not about Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr. It is about the judiciary as an institution, the weakest and yet the most credible of the three branches of government.

I just hope when the military does take over, the soldiers will be true to history and kill all the politicians first before they kill the judges.

—JOSE R. HERNANDEZ,
Regional Trial Court, Branch 158, Pasig City

Impeachment 'zarzuela'

EVENTS in our country often feel like a *zarzuela*, and the impeachment of the Chief Justice is among them. One thing about *zarzuelas* is that the audience always knows who the good guys and the bad guys are, as in the present case.

Filipinos of good faith know the politics that is behind this action against the Chief Justice and against the judiciary. They know that those who initiated the complaint are the *tulisanes* who have robbed our nation.

I would like to believe that such Filipinos still constitute the majority, and that we would stand for our country, and against those few who seek to bring it down for personal gain.

And I can only hope, along with the audience that is the Filipino people, that this *zarzuela* ends as all others do, with the evil left by the wayside, and the good man still standing.

—GAD LIM, glim@ateneo.edu

On the Davide impeachment

VOICES ON INQ7.NET

I GREATLY disagree that Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr. is as white as snow.

First of all, I don't believe that just because he is a Chief Justice he could not have committed an anomaly inside the judiciary. The gravity of the offense he is being charged with is as grave as that thrown at then President Joseph Estrada. Mismanaging funds intended for the salaries of employees is a great offense, especially to those like me who are ordinary workers.

It's good that we have members of Congress who stood up to the rights of those ordinary government workers in the judiciary who have been shortchanged by Davide. I approve that a Senate impeachment trial be held. All is fair in love and war.—**Esther C. Dionzon, via e-mail**

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Now that the public is incensed over Davide's impeachment, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo suddenly wants to save face by trying to stop it. She virtually threw the Chief Justice to the dogs by not stopping her partymates from signing the petition. What hypocrisy!

If she thinks her latest turnaround will help her in the elections, it's too late. I believe she lost the Visayan vote as well as the vote from every Cebuano-speaking citizen in many parts of Mindanao.

She wants to fry a most honored son of Cebu; she'll fry in the elections.—**Manuel Mapa, via e-mail**

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It is obvious that what those congressmen did was politically motivated. The Supreme Court rulings on the cases of the Manila Electric Co. (Meralco) and the coconut levy fund made me believe that it is the only branch of government that truly upholds justice and democracy.—**Tes de Leon-Connors, via e-mail**

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I want those dirty politicians to know that I am 100-percent behind Davide. If this man falls, then evil will once again rule the Philippines.

To Davide, don't ever resign. The Filipino people will be there to support you. I admire you and the rest of the Supreme Court justices for your brave and impartial decisions, never allowing yourself to be influenced by the rich and powerful individuals and dirty politicians.—**Dennis Labrador, via e-mail**

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I believe that we need to support Davide because a crisis in the Supreme Court will further hurt the already ailing Philippine economy. I hope that the media will not exacerbate this volatile situation. Instead, the press should ferret out the truth and expose all the unscrupulous politicians behind the impeachment.—**Jojisilia Villamor, via e-mail**

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I have been following with keen interest the developments in our country through INQ7.net, and the Davide impeachment scares me. It marks a turn for the worst for a country in the throes of social upheaval. It is a graphic example of our "leaders" playing the harp while Rome burns.

The motives behind this impeachment move stink like a dead rat. The people behind it stink likewise. Filipinos are not stupid and this has been proven time and time again. Unfortunately our "leaders" tend to forget this truth time and time again, with disastrous results.—**Name withheld upon request**

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Sen. Joker Arroyo is true to his name. A real joker in the Senate. I never liked President Macapagal, but to accuse her of being in cahoots with the Nationalist People's Coalition to impeach Davide is a blatant lie and a big joke coming from the so-called graft-buster.—**John Liwanag, via e-mail**

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Why call the congressmen evil plotters? And why pressure them to withdraw their signatures? If the Chief Justice has nothing to hide, allow the impeachment proceedings to run its course unhampered... Why judge the accusers even before the accused is brought to court?—**Leonardo Gracia, via e-mail**

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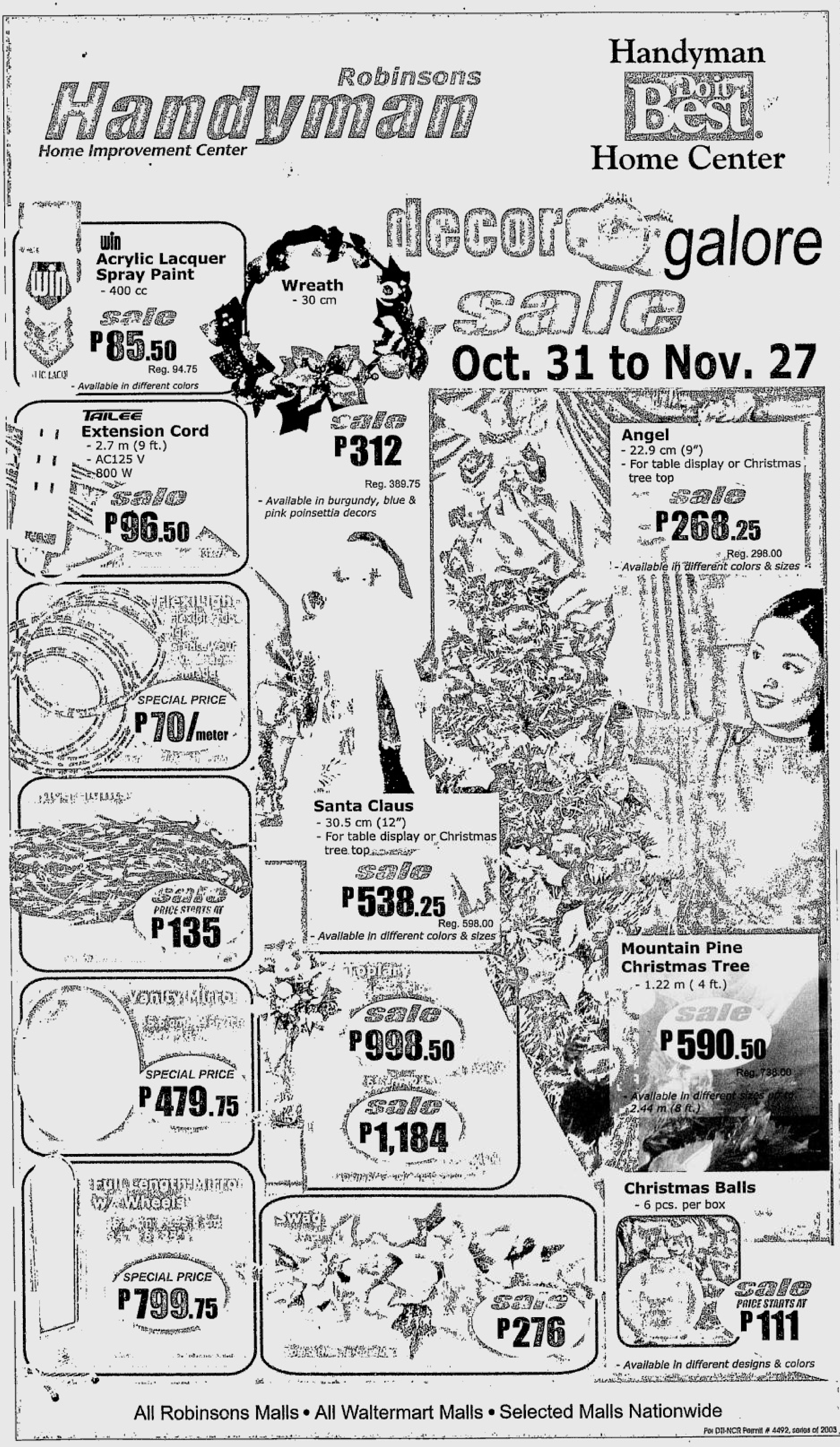
Inasmuch as the congressmen who signed the impeachment complaint against Chief Justice Davide claim they did so in the interest of accountability and to check graft and corruption, I support them. Now, to show that they are sincere, they must also present to the public how they have used their "pork barrel" funds.

They must also tell us what cars or sports vehicles they own, and how they could afford to buy them. They must also show us their houses and explain how they bought these with their salaries. Accountability and transparency in the use of public funds should not be the burden only of the judiciary or the executive. The legislative branch must also show that its members deserve to be trusted with public funds, especially since they hold the power of the purse.—**Tarcisio S. Ochave, via e-mail**



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500 US troops arrive for war games

By Allan Macatuno, *PDI Central Luzon Desk*

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT ZONE—A high-speed vessel, carrying some 500 United States Marines and sailors of the 3rd Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF) from Okinawa docked at the naval supply depot pier in this former American naval base on Thursday.

The US troops arrived here via the "Westpac Express" to join their Filipino counterparts in a 15-day bilateral training called "Talon Vision" to be held at Clark Field in Pampanga and at Fort Magsaysay in Nueva Ecija, according to Capt. Burrell Parmer, MEF public affairs officer.

The exercise, which is aimed at maintaining readiness and sustaining long-term security assistance relationship between the Philippines and United States, will be held Nov. 3-17.

The vessel also transported military materiel such as helicopters, highly mobile multipurpose vehicles, communication equipment that will be used during the ground-air integration exercises.

"Bilateral exercise is vital to maintain readiness for both the US and the Armed Forces of the Philippines. The Philippines offers good training opportunities and, in this case, illustrates the Pacific Command's commitment to reduce but not eliminate our training footprint in Okinawa," Parmer said.

Maj. Allan Ballesteros, spokesperson for the Philippine troops, said some 800 Filipino soldiers would participate in the training.

Parmer said the scheduled exercise does not directly involve counterterrorism training. "However, 'real world' training will help the AFP enhance internal security against a variety of threats," he said.

Asked if they were concerned about possible threats from any terrorist groups in the country, Parmer said there is always concern on the safety of their troops.

"We are confident in the security arrangements being made between the Philippines and the US armed forces. As with every military operation, there is an element of danger," he said.

He said force protection is their priority, noting that they required their troops to take safety precautions and fulfill force protection prerequisites.

Parmer said they would not allow their troops to have liberty privileges or leaves during the exercise.

Bacolor's dead return to their resting place

By Tonette Orejas
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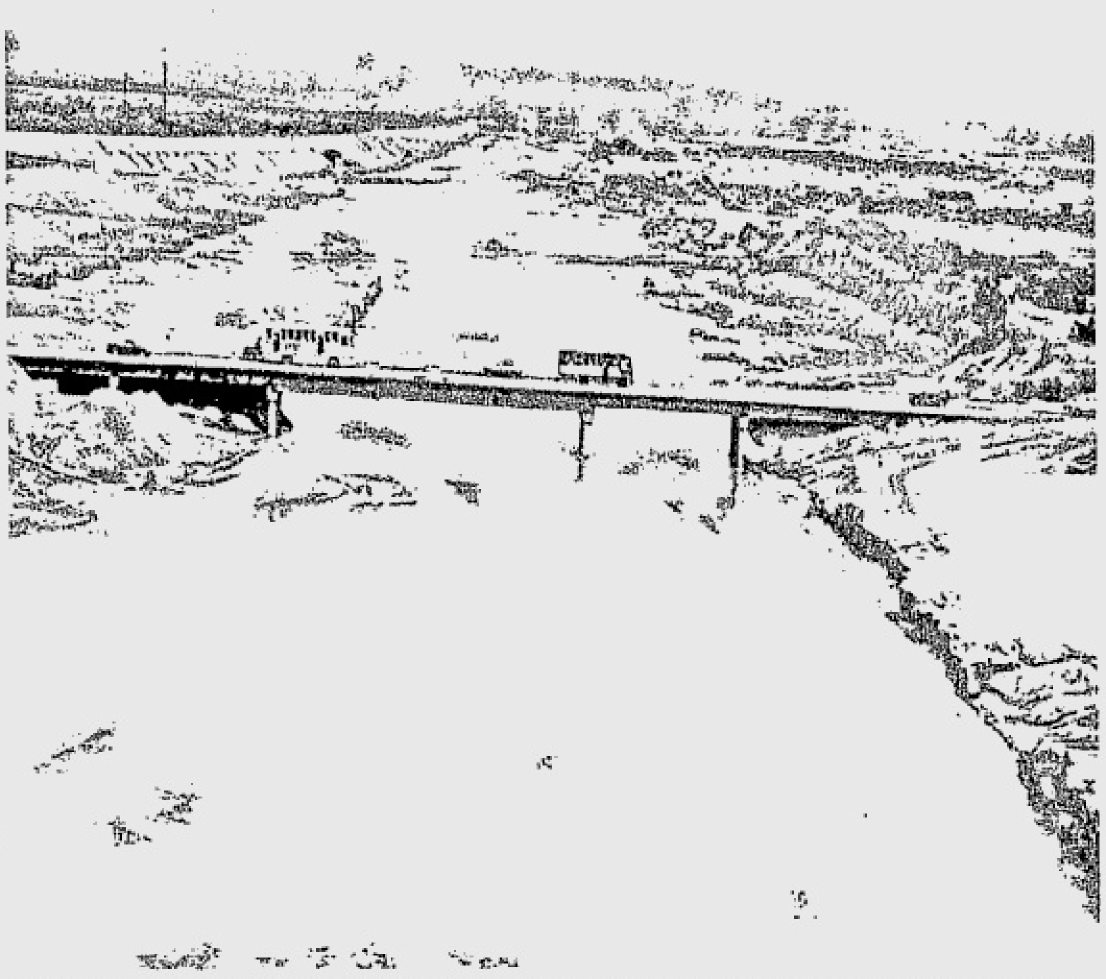

BACOLOR, or what is left of it, shortly after the destruction wrought by lahar flows and the eruption of Mt. Pinatubo.

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BACOLOR, Pampanga—Not only were the dead buried several times over by Mt. Pinatubo's lahar in this town since 1991. The remains of those interred elsewhere had been brought back to their hometown, the reason why there are more than 30 new tombs now at the Catholic cemetery here.

Jesus Cruz, 68, said the rite of returning the dead to Bacolor began with his brother Antonino.

In 1999 when his brother died, he said he followed his wish to be buried in the town of his birth, which Cruz said both of them did not abandon even after the 1991 eruptions and the series of lahar rampages that came during heavy rains.

According to him, Fr. Nestor Tayag, the former parish priest, agreed to Antonino's death wish with hesitation because, he said, the dead themselves were not safe from lahar.

Cruz, a retired employee of the local registry of deeds, buried his brother in a spot behind the 427-year-old San Guillermo Church, half of which was entombed by lahar that accumulated at 20 feet high. The church's windows now served as its doors.

"He was the first to be buried here (in post-Pinatubo years)," Cruz said as he cleared the graveyard of seven-foot high cogon grass on Wednesday.

Soon enough, the families that have remained in Bacolor followed, burying their departed kin next to Antonino's plot.

Transfer

A year later, Cruz moved the remains of his brother-in-law here from nearby Minalin town where floods had submerged the cemetery.

Two years ago when lahar flows spared the town, Cruz observed that several families had begun returning the remains of their loved ones from cemeteries as far as Metro Manila.

Their final resting place here is a straight row of tombs also behind the church. Because many have been brought back, the new "returnees" have occupied a second floor, forming what local folks refer as "condominium."

"*Deng tau Baculud* (the old name of Bacolor) *a mengamati keng evacuation, pauli la* (Residents who died while in evacuation had left word they wanted to be returned home)," Cruz noted of what he called "homecoming."

This, he explained, comes from the people's sense of attachment to their birthplace.

"It's tradition. You want to be put to rest where you were born, where you grow up. You find peace that way," Cruz explained in Kapampangan.

Burial ground

Since Monday, church volunteers have been clearing the cemetery of cogon grass, revealing what remained of the centuries-old burial ground of this former capital town of the Philippines.

West of it juts out the dome of the chapel where the bones of Bacolor's wealthy and common sons and daughters have been kept. At the middle are half-buried stone angels with only their wings spared by volcanic flows. At the center are two mausoleums, one for the late Sen. Francisco Liongson.

As for Cruz, nothing remained of his clan's mausoleum where his grandparents, parents and other relatives were laid to rest. Using the chapel as his point of reference, he estimated its exact location three meters north of that edifice.

On Wednesday, he and his three grandsons finished putting up a makeshift tent on where the sunken graves possibly stood.

The surviving relatives of Pelagio Ramos appeared to want to make certain his exact spot. They fashioned a mini-garden there, installing even new well-polished marble tombstones. With Ramos, who died in 1978, are four other close relatives. Many others light up candles in uncertain grounds, carrying with them tombstones that they take away once they leave the place.

There's some sense of permanence though to the yearly observance of the Feast of the Dead. The town's book of the dead is preserved at the archives of the Archdiocese of San Fernando.

By Friday, thousands of Bacolor's residents dispersed in seven resettlements in eastern Pampanga are expected to pay homage to their dead. They return to the town, offer prayers and flowers, light candles, and reunite with relatives and friends. Oftentimes, they are heard recalling the difficulties of dealing with the disaster and overcoming it.

Hero of Basilan siege relieved over beating

ZAMBOANGA CITY—Southern Command chief Lt. Gen. Roy Kyamko sacked one of the acknowledged heroes of the siege of Lamitan over his involvement in a beating involving a scion of a prominent General Santos City family.

Brig. Gen. Alexander Yano, chief of the Army's 601st Infantry Brigade based in the said city, said Capt. Ruben Guinolbay of the 11th Scout Ranger Company, had been relieved to prevent him from possibly abusing his authority and influencing the ongoing investigation of the case.

Earlier, Guinolbay and 24 of his soldiers, who beat up Pedro Animas V, son of the late magistrate Pedro Animas Sr., inside the Bula police precinct in General Santos City on Monday morning were told not to leave their barracks.

Yano issued the order on Tuesday after a furious Mayor Pedro Acharon complained that the soldiers did not respect authorities when they took turns beating Animas in front of two policemen.

The Scout Rangers, led by Guinolbay, also reportedly pointed their rifles at the policemen who were trying to call up the city police headquarters for reinforcement.

The beating started when the soldiers entered Mamagaya Resto Bar here where one of their companions figured in a brawl.

Based on the police investigation report, Sgt. Edwin Romero and several other Scout Rangers went inside the Mamagaya shortly before midnight on Sunday.

While Romero was entering the toilet, a customer identified as Arnold Sotto reportedly boxed him.

Animas witnessed the incident and tried to pacify Romero.

Police operatives then arrived and invited Animas and his companions, Valentin Delmo and Edgar Sanchez, to the police precinct to give their statements.

They also told Romero to follow them at the police station.

Before proceeding to the police, Romero reportedly called up his commanding officer and asked for backup.

Later Guinolbay and more soldiers arrived at the Mamagaya where they ordered all customers to lie face down while looking for Sotto.

Unable to find the man they were looking for, the Scout Rangers then proceeded to the Bula police station. *Julie Alipala and Aquiles Zonio, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

PALAWAN VISITOR

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Opposition Sen. Tessie Aquino-Oreta is welcomed at the Puerto Princesa City airport by city Mayor Edward Hagedorn and public school teachers. Oreta was in the city recently as a guest speaker of the Philippine Association of Education Supervisors (PAES).

GSIS men give full backing to Garcia

OFFICIALS and employees of the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) went full force yesterday to show their support for GSIS president and general manager Winston Garcia and the reforms he has initiated in the state-run pension fund.

In a short program organized by GSIS executives, some 600 GSIS workers rallied behind the leadership of Garcia in front of the GSIS Building on Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City.

At the assembly, the employees and officials issued a manifesto of strong support for Garcia, his innovations and management capabilities.

Signed by all GSIS executives, the manifesto said Garcia's resolve to put order in basic GSIS records, such as premium remittances, loan repayments, and other membership files was "evidence of his hands-on leadership."

It also said that "no other leader of GSIS has given the proper attention and concern to the details that Garcia now focuses on."

In his speech, Garcia said he was moved by his people's display of support, which all the more encouraged him to continue with the reforms he introduced to ensure the long-term solvency and viability of the pension fund.

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Teodoro paints 3 scenarios vs SC

By Carlito Pablo

CONGRESS may push through with the trial of Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr. even if the Supreme Court declares the impeachment complaint to be unconstitutional.

This is one of three scenarios Rep. Gilberto Teodoro Jr. (NPC, Tarlac), proponent of the impeachment of Davide, is painting barring any last-minute settlement in the case.

The two other scenarios are for the House of Representatives to initiate another impeachment complaint, this time against the entire high tribunal, and for the House and Senate to convene as a constituent assembly to amend the Constitution and provide, among other things, more categorical provisions on impeachment.

Teodoro laid out these scenarios for "academic purposes" as he noted that "everybody is still waiting for what will happen in the next several days."

"Any one of these (options) will be considered alternatives," Teodoro said, reflecting the hardening of Congress' position against the move of the Supreme Court to stop the House from transmitting the Articles of Impeachment against Davide to the Senate.

Leaders of the House of Representatives have decided to transmit the Articles of Impeachment to the Senate on Nov. 10 despite the "status quo order" the Supreme Court issued on Oct. 28. The order stopped the House from immediately transmitting to the Senate the Articles of Impeachment. The Senate was also ordered not to accept the Articles of Impeachment.

The high court has called for oral arguments on the petitions seeking to stop the Davide impeachment on Nov. 5, but Speaker Jose de Venecia Jr. and Senate President Franklin Drilon said the two chambers would not place themselves under the jurisdiction of the high court.

President Macapagal-Arroyo, for her part, has called for a covenant between the House and the Supreme Court to settle the deadlock. Under Ms Macapagal's formula, the tribunal will be upheld as the final arbiter of constitutional issues while affirming the constitutional mandate of checks and balances among the co-equal branches of government.

Congressmen—mostly supporters of businessman Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco—filed the impeachment complaint, claiming Davide had stalled a House investigation into alleged irregularities in the Judiciary Development Fund, a multi-billion peso fund solely administered by Davide.

Told about warnings that the House would be held in contempt by the court if the chamber defied the tribunal, Teodoro said: "Contempt is only an ancillary issue to the main issue—that the Supreme Court has no jurisdiction over Congress."

If the tribunal rules that the impeachment of Davide was unconstitutional, "perhaps that decision will open itself to another impeachment," the congressman said.

"That's the only remedy," Teodoro said. "These justices will be impeached so that future justices will not commit the same mistakes."

Speaking about the second option, Teodoro said the bone of contention was whether the House was barred from initiating a second impeachment case against Davide within a year.

The House committee on justice earlier dismissed for lack of merit a first impeachment complaint filed against Davide and seven other justices in connection with their decision to recognize Ms Macapgal as the new President after the ouster of Joseph Estrada from Malacañang during the Edsa II revolt in January 2001.

House leaders have argued that the mere act of filing a complaint, which can be done even by a private individual, is different from the House initiating an impeachment case in the exercise of its power as the sole authority to initiate an impeachment complaint.

"We can say very clearly that the mere filing of a complaint is not the equivalent of initiating a case so that it will leave no room for varying interpretations." Teodoro said.

He said he hadn't heard of any recent concrete proposal for a settlement of the Davide impeachment crisis.

THE ROSARY is said for Chief Justice Davide by a multi-sectoral group at Ayala Avenue in Makati on Thursday. ERIK ARAZAS

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pushing for good programs and reforms. That was why they were *mabango*," said Akbayan party-list Rep. Loretta Ann Rosales, referring to the reformist group of young legislators in the 11th and 12th Congress. "(But) this Brat Pack now appears to stink because they are in a great hurry to remove the Chief Justice."

Great hurry

The Brat Pack refers to the young members of the 12th Congress, led by Representatives Gilbert Teodoro Jr. and Felix William "Wimpy" Fuentebella, who are behind the impeachment drive against Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr.

"These are the children of rich families who are used to having their way without really working for it," Rosales said.

She said most of the Brat Pack members got elected to the House of Representatives because of the strong influence of their families.

"It's sad and bad for Philippine politics that these young people are in a great hurry to transmit the impeachment complaint to the Senate. This is not coincidental. These are members of powerful families with vested interests," she said.

Rosales, a former teacher and a victim of human rights violations under martial law, is one of the most vocal representatives of party-list groups.

Used by elders

She said the general impression was that members of the Brat Pack were being used by their elders and could not decide for themselves.

Other members of the Brat Pack include Mark and Charlie Cojuangco, the sons of businessman Eduardo Cojuangco Jr.; Gilbert Remulla, a son of ex-Cavite Gov. Juanito Remulla; and Michael John Duavit, son of Gilberto Duavit, a major stockholder of the GMA 7 broadcasting network.

Fuentebella is the son of former Speaker Arnulfo Fuentebella, while Teodoro, the son of the former administrator of the Social Security System, is often described as Cojuangco's favorite nephew.

Not so fast

But a professor of the University of the Philippines took issue with the INQUIRER's front page photos and story yesterday on the Brat Pack.

UP law professor Harry Roque Jr. said the coverage gave "the impression that it is today's young generation who are behind the move to oust the Chief Justice, as if the impeachment is synonymous with the idealism of the Filipino youth."

This was the opposite of the truth, Roque said.

"This we believe is a great injustice to the Filipino youth. As a matter of fact, although the impeachment complaint in the House was supported by very young congressmen, it is also very young lawyers who are at the forefront in the petition to restrain the House from submitting the Articles of Impeachment to the Senate, Roque said.

Roque led a group of UP law graduates in asking the Supreme Court to stop the impeachment of Davide. Five other petitioners also asked the high court to do the same.

Prove yourselves

Rosales said that while she did not want to underestimate the capabilities of the Brat Pack, she said these congressmen still have to prove themselves and their actions as being beyond reproach.

She said she approached Fuentebella to inform him that what he was doing was not good for the country.

"*Ang tapang mo* (You have some guts)," she told Fuentebella. She said Fuentebella merely smiled and said, "*Eh kasi Tita, naaawa ako sa* court employees (But I just took pity on the court employees)."

Negative perception

Rosales reminded the young congressmen that the negative perception of the people of the House and its representatives was the reason for the continued outpouring of public support for Davide.

Deputy Minority Leader Rolex Suplico agreed with Rosales that the negative image of most congressmen preceded them.

"It's rather unfortunate that the past image of the House is adversely affecting the current public perception on the impeachment controversy," Suplico said.

"But I can genuinely say that since I became congressman in the 11th Congress, members have not supported a cause with more fervor or conviction than the Estrada and Davide impeachment complaints," he stressed.

High court only doing its job, says SC exec

By Philip C. Tubeza

THE SUPREME Court was only doing its job when it issued the status quo order on the impeachment of Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr., its spokesperson said yesterday.

Responding to the contention Wednesday of Sen. Aquilino Pimentel Jr. that the order was illegal because the Senate sitting as an impeachment court could very well address the issue, Assistant Court Administrator Ismael Khan Jr. said the tribunal issued the order because of the six petitions pending before it.

"I would like to explain that the six petitions have not been given due course, and the Supreme Court is simply performing its constitutional mandate in addressing these petitions," Khan said.

The petitioners, who included Deputy Speaker Raul Gonzalez, Rep. Salacnib Baterina and former Solicitor General Francisco Chavez, are questioning the legality of Davide's impeachment.

In support of Khan's contention, Jose Anselmo Cadiz, president of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines, said the high court had jurisdiction over the case because "it is very clear to us lawyers that what the House did was wrong."

Media tour canceled

The Supreme Court missed an opportunity yesterday to refute allegations of irregularities in the disbursement of the Judiciary Development Fund, particularly the purchase of expensive chairs and curtains.

A scheduled media tour of its facilities in Manila was cancelled. Its public information office said the tour would be conducted after the oral arguments on the petitions on Nov. 5.

The tour was to have been facilitated by Associate Justice Angelina Sandoval-Gutierrez, chair of the tribunal's committee on the halls of justice; retired Justice Vicente Mendoza, former chair of the sub-committee on habitat; First Division Clerk of Court Virginia Ancheta-Soriano, chair of the pre-qualification, evaluation and awards committee for consultancy, and Assistant Court Administrator Antonio H. Dujua, chair of the bid and award committee.

PRESIDENTIAL motorcade drives through the Buhangin underpass in Davao City with Mayor Rody Duterte to the President's right. RYAN LIM/PDI MINDANAO BUREAU

Night crawlers: Threat or treat?

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prevent its transmittal is to bring down the number of signatures to 74 or 75," Paras said.

Minority Leader Carlos Padilla said the "tug of war" was to be expected because he had been told that friends of the Chief Justice, both in and out of the government, have formed 'Akyat bahay gangs' which will go on a house-to-house campaign to convince signatories to withdraw names.

Indecent proposal

"I just hope that there will be no indecent proposals involving government funds," he said. "Our votes are not for sale.

"And I doubt if there are 11 votes on the market," Padilla said, referring to the 11 votes needed to bring down the number of signatories to stop the complaint's transmittal to the Senate.

Opposite effect

Tarlac Rep. Agapito Aquino said that any talks with the night crawlers should be done in a civilized and honorable manner.

Aquino said he had received reports that some "hot heads" were planning to stage rallies in front of the houses of the signatories to the complaint. "I am telling you right now that it will have the opposite effect. You will just alienate the subject of your lobbying and harden their position," he said.

Mahathir makes upbeat exit after 22 years in power

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decades of economic development and presented a mid-term review of the 8th Malaysia Plan, which ends in 2005.

He predicted real GDP growth at an average of 6 percent per year that, he said, would put Malaysia on track to realizing its target of becoming a developed nation by 2020.

Mahathir later stepped down as head of the ruling party, the United Malays National Organization (Umno). He said his resignation from the party leadership would take effect at 3 p.m. today when King Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin swears in Deputy Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi as Malaysia's new leader.

Defending controls

Mahathir, Asia's longest-serving elected leader, faced a question-and-answer session in which opposition lawmakers probed his commitment to democracy.

He justified as essential to maintaining democracy such controls as the detention without trial of suspected terrorists and the banning of communists from elections.

Racial sentiments

While the government believed in free speech, Mahathir said, it also had to ensure that racial sentiments do not inflame Malaysia's multicultural society.

He described national unity as the country's greatest asset. Malaysia has a Malay Muslim majority of around 60 percent of its 24 million people, with substantial ethnic Chinese and Indian minorities.

"We have seen how many other multi-ethnic societies have failed because each race places its own interest first before the interest of the nation. If we are not careful, we too will fail and be destroyed," Mahathir said.

Anarchy

"Anarchy can take place because of an obsession with democratic freedoms. The belief that if democracy is implemented then everything will be well has no basis, especially if democracy is imposed immediately."

Mahathir pointed out that it had taken Western countries nearly 200 years to reach their current level of liberal democracy, but they were still not free of problems such as political corruption and the manipulation of power.

Too free

These countries had also "linked individual and minority freedoms to democracy, until they forget the rights of the majority," he added.

Harking back to one of his familiar complaints about what he saw as Western decadence, he said some countries "are too free, until everything being done is accepted as a right. The practice of homosexuality is accepted as a right and same sex marriage is legitimized."

Tyranny of majority

When a member of the hardline Islamic Party (PAS) opposition suggested that Malaysia in fact practiced the "tyranny of the majority" and that Umno was simply afraid of losing power, Mahathir pointed to the presence of PAS in parliament as a sign that the opposition "enjoy many privileges."

He said Umno, the lynchpin of the ruling coalition, was not afraid. "We win with a huge majority every time," he said.

Umno's president has been prime minister in every government since Malaysia's independence from Britain in 1957. Mahathir's chosen successor, Deputy Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, will face an election within a year, with a key element being the struggle between Umno and PAS for the votes of the Muslim majority.

With a bang

Asked at a news conference if the muted tone of Thursday's speech signals that he is ready for a quiet exit, Mahathir challenged reporters to "make it loud."

"I can go out with a bang if you like," Mahathir said. "I say nasty things. Ask me nasty questions, I will give you a nasty answer."

Mahathir leaves office amid a controversy triggered by his remark in an Oct. 16 speech to Islamic leaders that "Jews rule the world by proxy," and fueled by his refusal to back down in the face of widespread condemnation and accusations of anti-Semitism.

Other people's turn

Speaking to reporters late Wednesday, Mahathir said he was looking forward to his retirement, although he conceded he had not achieved everything he wanted to do.

"Even if I live to be 100, there will still (be) things (that) cannot be done," said Mahathir, who has led Malaysia since 1981 and has been credited with its transformation from a rubber and tin producer to one of Southeast Asia's most prosperous and modern countries.

"I've had my day; it's other people's turn now. I had 22 years. I can't complain." *Reports from AFP and AP*

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It's SC's decision, says Drilon

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Arroyo said the Supreme Court could not abdicate its duty to interpret the Constitution.

Not even Marcos

The administration senator reminded congressmen that not even strongman Ferdinand Marcos attempted to gag the tribunal.

He recalled that when Marcos issued Proclamation No. 1081 imposing martial law, the latter ordered the arrest of such personalities as Senators Benigno Aquino Jr., Jose Diokno and Francisco Rodrigo, as well as activists and journalists.

But despite Marcos' ban on any challenge to the decrees he would issue pursuant to his martial law powers, Arroyo said, the Supreme Court ordered the Armed Forces to produce the detained journalists, and the solicitor general "dutifully appeared and defended the action of the government before the [high court]."

"What is the lesson to be learned? That the autocratic Marcos, despite martial law powers and the military behind him, wisely allowed the Supreme Court to exercise its jurisdiction because he knew full well that a damaged and humiliated [tribunal] would not be good for the country and the martial law image," Arroyo said.

Extraordinary times

In a statement he read to reporters, Drilon said: "These are extraordinary times that call for extraordinary remedies. We should defuse the tension the best way we can."

He said there were two issues that needed resolution: who should decide on the constitutionality of the impeachment rules of the House, and the constitutionality of the second impeachment complaint against Davide.

Drilon said the mere filing of the six petitions before the high court questioning the legality of the impeachment complaint did not put jurisdiction in its hands.

"[The justices] will decide on the issue of jurisdiction on the basis of Constitutional Commission proceedings and the principle of separation of powers," he said.

According to Drilon, the high court may say that it has jurisdiction because it is the branch of government that interprets the Constitution. On the other hand, pro-impeachment lawmakers may say that it is the Senate sitting as an impeachment court that should decide on the matter.

Heed SC order

"That is why there are conflicting claims as to which body should decide," Drilon said.

This was the scenario presented by Drilon:

If the tribunal decides that it has jurisdiction, it can now decide on whether the acts of the House were constitutional.

But if the tribunal says it has no jurisdiction, "this paves the way for the Senate to assume its constitutional functions without any question."

And if the high court says the impeachment complaint is constitutional, it goes to the Senate for trial. If the complaint is deemed unconstitutional, it will not reach the Senate.

"At that point, I will ask the House to heed, to respect, the order of the Supreme Court, not because we agree with it, but because the higher national interest dictates that the House should follow the order," Drilon said.

Asked what he would do if the issue of constitutionality were brought to the Senate as well, he said: "The senators will resolve it, if it is presented to us."

Inferiority complex

Arroyo admonished pro-impeachment congressmen for trying to rush the transmittal of the Articles of Impeachment to the Senate by asking the latter to agree to convene a special session during Congress' Nov. 1-9 break.

"The House of Representatives should not have such an inferiority complex that suddenly it had the assiduousness to assemble and find itself with a quorum just to wail and kick" the Supreme Court, he said.

He reiterated that the high court on Tuesday did not issue a temporary restraining order but only a status quo order.

He said the tribunal issued the order because of the six petitions filed before it, all raising the constitutionality of the second impeachment complaint against Davide.

Allocation of powers

"Whenever it involves a concept of interpreting the Constitution, the Supreme Court will have to do that," Arroyo said. "That is what is called allocation of powers. Even the Senate, the President, anyone in the entire country, must yield to the supremacy of Supreme Court when it comes to interpreting what the Constitution means."

Arroyo called on the impeachment proponents not to transmit the Articles to the Senate pending the resolution of the petitions.

"Prudence dictates that we should not act on it to allow the [tribunal] to rule on it," he said. "It's really a question of what we should do and not do. Since the [tribunal] is clothed with the powers to interpret [the issue], then give it the chance, the time, to resolve it. And not to rush the [tribunal]."

Not life and death

Should the House push through with the transmittal, the Senate should "receive but not act on" the Articles, Arroyo said.

After all, he said, the issue was "not a matter of life and death."

Sen. Ramon Magsaysay Jr. said he supported Drilon's appeal to the high court to decide on jurisdiction and constitutionality before Nov. 10.

Sen. Francis Pangilinan has another solution to defuse the situation: for the ruling Lakas-Christian Muslim Democrats to step in.

"As Lakas leaders, President Macapagal-Arroyo and Speaker Jose de Venecia are being called upon to act swiftly and decisively to avert this constitutional crisis. We sorely need bold, decisive leadership at this critical hour," Pangilinan said in a statement.

Sen. Rodolfo Biazon, for his part, expressed the hope that the Congress recess would allow "all sectors, all the stakeholders, Congress, the Supreme Court and even the Office of the President to look for a solution to the impasse."

Crisis seen to ruin Gloria

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should be in a strong position to end the crisis because she was wearing two hats—as President and as leader of the largest coalition party. "She has failed to demonstrate the strong leadership that she has been wanting to project," Parreño said.

The legislators want Davide to stand trial in the Senate on accusations, denied by the Chief Justice, that he misused public funds. Supreme Court opposition to the move threatens to bring the country's institutions into direct conflict and strain fragile party alliances to the breaking point.

Key allies lost

Ms Macapagal lost some key allies, including Vice President Teofisto Guingona, last month, when she went back on a decision not to run in next May's election. Several former members of her Cabinet and advisers have also left to join former Sen. Raul Roco, one of several presidential aspirants who are beating Ms Macapagal in opinion polls.

Roco has also been attracting support from some Lakas members in the House of Representatives. Popular movie star Fernando Poe Jr. could deal a further blow to Ms Macapagal's election chances by declaring his candidacy.

A recent opinion poll by the research group Ibon showed the President slipping to fourth place with only 7.8 percent of 1,300 respondents backing her. Poe had leapfrogged to third place with 11.2 percent, while Roco was leading with 24.88 percent support, just ahead of broadcaster-turned-senator Noli de Castro, with 23.8 percent.

Ibon said Ms Macapagal's satisfaction rating would further go down in the last quarter of the year because of the constitutional crisis.

Cancel out

Antonio Tujan, research director of Ibon, said the positive public perception of the recent state visit of US President George W. Bush may cancel out the negative opinion of the Davide impeachment but only if the brewing crisis was solved soon.

Ibon's third quarter survey, its second nationwide survey for 2003, showed that the President's already negative net satisfaction rating fell by almost 15 percentage points from negative 32.88 percent in the second quarter to negative 47.31 percent in the third.

Failure of leadership

Roco said that "failure of leadership" was to blame for the political crisis arising from the impeachment of Davide.

The crisis inadvertently exposed the prime weakness of the President, according to Roco. "She knew all about it. [But] she did not see the crisis coming," he said. "She does not understand the forces at work [in the political arena]."

Roco noted that as early as Friday last week—the day the newspapers bannered that 82 congressmen impeached Davide—he and his possible running mate, former Cebu Gov. Lito Osmeña, were already over the radio, attacked the decision of the lawmakers.

TRIBAL members from different parts of Mindanao meet President Macapagal on Thursday during the Mindanao Indigenous People summit in Lanang, Davao City. VAL HANDUMON

Ms Macapagal, however, took her own sweet time, preferring to have a "neutral" stand, Roco said.

Only after Sen. Joker Arroyo claimed that Ms Macapagal and Cojuangco could have conspired to allow the impeachment complaint to prosper, and former President Corazon Aquino and Jaime Cardinal Sin openly attacking the move, did she drop her supposed neutrality by attending the flag-raising ceremony at the Supreme Court on Monday.

"That is why it is really a failure of leadership," Roco said. He explained that leadership meant that one could anticipate the crisis, and intervene. "Do not wait for it (crisis) to happen."

Losing line

He added: "That's why she's wrong. She's saying, 'I have experience.' That's a losing line. What experience ... in overpricing [of the President Diosdado Macapagal Boulevard]? Pidal [controversy]? In handling foreign affairs as though [she is] a girlfriend of the US. What experience? In promising before Dr. Jose Rizal that she was not running [in 2004]? Is that the experience she's pointing to us?"

But despite the weakness of the President, Roco sees the crisis to be over before Congress resumes session on Nov. 10.

Because politics was behind the impeachment move, it would be politics that would provide resolution to the raging crisis, he said.

"The congressmen will be under pressure for the next (10 days). I'm sure they're all trying to find a way of not losing face," said Roco.

Political suicide

He explained that even the line of pro-impeachment lawmakers that "there's no stopping us," was just to save their skin.

"But eventually, they would [concede to the Supreme Court]," he said, "because even if they push for it, what will they get? *Wala ng tubo.*"

The congressmen knew all along that it was political suicide to go against the orders of the Supreme Court, according to Roco. "How can they defend that in front of their constituents?"

And the only alternative was to withdraw the complaint, so the representatives would just invoke patriotism in backing out of the fight, he said.

Roco predicted that the congressmen would say later that "on reflection, etcetera, and for the sake of the country they would try to look (as heroes).

Answer charges

The Bagong Alyansang Makabayan pinned the blame on Ms Macapagal, Cojuangco and Speaker Jose de Venecia Jr. for the constitutional crisis. But regardless of the motives behind the House-initiated impeachment complaint, Bayan believes Davide should answer the charges against him.

The leftist alliance also warned the judiciary and Congress of "sacrificing the truth in exchange for a so-called honorable settlement" between the two branches of government.

"We are against any so-called honorable settlement. This will simply aggravate the situation, possibly leading to a whitewash of the JDF investigations and setting the precedent for greater connivance between the two branches of government," Bayan secretary general Teddy Casiño said. *Reports from Reuters, Michael Ubac and Norman Bordadora*

Davide singles out Roco to thank for support

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"This is a reawakening of the people's trust and confidence (in) the judiciary because they really believe that it's the last bulwark of democracy. I can't (give thanks) enough (for) the expression of this spontaneous support. As I've said, it's not only for Davide but for our own country, our democracy," he stressed.

Gloria's covenant

Davide also said he supported the request of President Macapagal-Arroyo that the House of Representatives and the Supreme Court forge a "covenant" to uphold the Constitution.

Davide said he was hopeful that something could still be done so that the two co-equal branches of government do not end up destroying each other.

"There is always a way that all leaders shall come together to consider the interest of the country to save democracy. That can easily be forged but there should be a complete evaluation of everything to the end that will strengthen the three organs of the government but not to weaken any of these," Davide said.

"I am always praying that an end should come without destroying any of these institutions. It should be the good of the country that is the goal of everybody," he said.

Davide declined to comment on the questions related to criticism about the status quo order of the Supreme Court en banc on his impeachment.

"Since I did not participate in the deliberation, I would rather leave it to the collective wisdom of those who participated in it," he said.

Mere secretary

The Chief Justice acknowledged that the House had initial jurisdiction to determine whether the Articles of Impeachment were valid in the light of the constitutional ban on the filing of a second impeachment complaint against the same official in one year. But he said the congressmen rushed the filing of the complaint.

Davide said he also objected to the process the House committee on justice took when it initiated the investigation into the alleged misuse of the Judicial Development Fund.

"Imagine a mere secretary of the committee writing a letter to the Chief Justice to appear. That never happened before. It's not only an abuse of power on their part but they are trying to bedevil the institution to trivialize the process. So I objected to the process," he said.

He emphasized that the judiciary had been very transparent, noting that the Commission on Audit had already conducted an audit on the JDF.

"I cannot understand why they are hitting us. All the way, we have been very, very transparent," he said.

Court employees

Davide also threw his support behind court employees demanding higher wages.

He said court personnel were right in airing their concerns over wages and benefits.

He said he encouraged court personnel to be as pro-active as possible "but they should know the facts."

"I've been assuring them even immediately after my appointment that my main goal is to strengthen the judiciary, to make it effective and efficient and therefore everybody should be given adequate compensation and we work hard for this," he said.

"From the very beginning, I said that any benefit to be granted to the judiciary must include the rank and file," Davide said. "They are (on) the front line, any judge cannot work much without the complementing work of the clerk, stenographer and utility."

Wage adjustments

His comments came in the wake of concerns raised by court employees following the approval of Republic Act No. 9227, which increased the benefits of justices and judges.

"The law now empowers the court to consider various sources of revenues for Judicial Development Fund," he said.

With the increases in the JDF, the employees are also assured of wage adjustments, Davide said.

"Because necessarily the increase in the funds will mean an increase in the 80 percent. They can divide this and receive more," he said.

Eight percent of the collection under the JDF is allotted for cost of living allowances (Cola) for justices, judges and court personnel.

Davide, however, said the court employees should not stop seeking congressional support for better benefits.

"We have been asking for the exemption from the Salary Standardization Law but Congress will have to consider many things," he said.

Protests against the Davide impeachment continued to mount in the Visayas.

The Citizens for Judicial Independence said it would intensify its boycott against products of San Miguel Corp., because it believes SMC chair Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco was the "brains" behind the impeachment.

The CJI will also hold a rally at the Fuente Osmeña Rotunda on Nov. 5 to coincide with the Supreme Court hearing on the six petitions seeking a stop to the impeachment complaint.

Rage

The group said the boycott was intended to hurt Cojuangco and to symbolize the people's "rage" against him for using the congressmen belonging to his party, the Nationalist People's Coalition, to move against Davide.

But SMC management in Cebu asked the Cebu Chamber of Commerce and Industry not to adopt the boycott.

Girlie Garces, communications director of SMC-Cebu, issued the appeal during an emergency meeting of the CCCI board of directors on Wednesday.

After the meeting, the board agreed to leave the matter to the individual members of the business group, CCCI President Carlos Co told media.

Co said the CCCI could not adopt the boycott because SMC is a member and Cojuangco was only a part owner of the food and beverage giant.

But Co said the CCCI was for Davide and urged the congressmen to withdraw the impeachment complaint.

Antique

In Antique, the Regional Trial Court judges posted black banners printed with the line "In the name of fiscal autonomy and independence of the judiciary..." in the courtrooms and offices of the Justice Calixto Zaldivar Hall of Justice in San Jose town.

In Iloilo, the Archdiocese of Jaro will lead a protest caravan on Tuesday "against the abuse of political power."

In Bacolod, members of the Peace Advocates of Negros (PAN) on board about 80 vehicles held a caravan on Wednesday night.

The vehicles had posters denouncing the congressmen who voted for impeachment, particularly Negros Occidental Representatives Alfredo Maranon, Jose Carlos Lacson, Carlos Cojuangco and Julio Ledesma. *With reports from Kathy Navarro, Jhunnex Napallacan, Nestor Burgos Jr. and Carla Gomez, PDI Visayas Bureau*

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GMA tells DOH to investigate Tondo outbreak

By Juliet Labog-Javellana, Tarra Quismundo and Christine Gaylican

CALLING it a "disturbing incident," President Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday ordered the Department of Health to investigate the outbreak of water poisoning that downed hundreds of residents in Tondo, Manila.

The President directed the DOH to "ensure the speedy and effective treatment" of the victims of contaminated water.

"The DOH will also conduct a thorough investigation to determine the root cause of this incident and draw out plans for ensuring the safety of the water supply in Metro Manila," she said.

After pinpointing the cause of the poisoning, the DOH was also directed to link up with the local government and the Maynilad Water Services Inc., the water concessionaire for the area, to ensure that "this disturbing incident will not be repeated."

More than 300 people in Tondo, suffered gastro-intestinal diseases from drinking contaminated tap water.

The President ordered the probe as Manila health officials hinted at possible neglect by Maynilad.

Clemente San Gabriel, administrative officer and sanitary inspector, expressed belief that there was a bigger factor that led to the incident.

San Gabriel noted the absence of residual chlorine in water samples taken from various sites at the outbreak area.

"There was no residual chlorine so there was nothing to counter the bacteria and germs in the water. This shows that there must have been a lapse in keeping the quality of the water," the official said.

He added that according to the country's standards for drinking water, a supplier must ensure the quality of water at all times.

Earlier, city health chief Florante Baltazar said that repairs done by Maynilad on the pipes leading to the affected areas could have aggravated the contamination.

In response, Maynilad corporate communications manager Jess Matubis said, "It has to be proven that we should be held liable or should be investigated."

Downplaying the possibility that their repairs contributed to the contamination, he stressed that these were being done to block illegal connections.

Maynilad has identified illegal connections, along with the illegal use of booster pumps, as a major cause of the outbreak.

Matubis said they had not been told that they would be investigated because of the incident.

People urged not to buy food sold in cemeteries

DO NOT buy food in cemeteries.

The Department of Health yesterday warned the public against buying food from ambulant vendors when they visit their departed loved ones in cemeteries this weekend.

Health Secretary Manuel Dayrit aired the warning following the onslaught of cholera cases in Manila, where 318 residents have gone to hospitals due to stomach pains, vomiting and diarrhea.

Dayrit placed all hospitals nationwide on code white alert during the holiday. The DOH health emergency management staff is also on standby.

In a code white alert, hospitals are required to have a complete staff, such as surgeons, anesthesiologists, internists, operating room nurses, ophthalmologists, and otorhinolaryngologists.

Dayrit stressed that people going to the cemeteries should bring their own food and water to avoid diarrhea and food poisoning.

The DOH chief added that the safety and sanitation of common foods peddled in cemeteries are "doubtful."

These include green mangoes, hotdogs, barbecues, water and even juices sold on the streets and cemeteries, which Dayrit said have been likely exposed to dust and other disease-causing organisms.

The DOH also appealed to families not to bring their babies to public places during the holiday.

Blanche Rivera

HOLIDAY TRAFFIC ADVISORY

MMDA: Number-coding scheme won't be lifted

By Margaux Ortiz, Volt Contreras and Tarra Quismundo

THE METROPOLITAN Manila Development Authority yesterday announced that there will be no suspension of the number-coding scheme for vehicles today.

Although today is a non-working holiday for government workers, MMDA Chair Bayani Fernando said the number-coding scheme for both private and public vehicles will still be enforced.

"If we suspend the number-coding scheme, there could be congestion and chaos in the streets because people are expected to flock to the malls and provinces," Fernando said.

He stressed that re-routing schemes—part of "Oplan Kaluluwa 2003"—in critical areas will be implemented from 6 a.m. on Oct. 31 to 10 a.m. on Nov. 3.

Trash bags

Apart from lighting candles and reciting prayers, the living can pay respect to the dead by keeping cemeteries clean this All Saints' Day, according to a public reminder of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

Bring your own garbage bags and practice trash segregation at the "sacred playground of our departed ones," the DENR yesterday said as it called on local government units and memorial park managers to install sufficient waste disposal receptacles in cemeteries.

Environment Secretary Elizea Gozun said LGUs should also require vendors in cemeteries to provide trash bins for their customers.

Tight security

Even scissors and grass-cutters are banned from Manila's cemeteries starting today.

Manila officials are bent on enforcing strict security measures in the city's cemeteries.

Manila Mayor Joselito Atienza Jr. said that deadly weapons and other sharp tools could not be brought inside the Manila-owned North and South cemeteries.

Atienza had earlier announced that drinking liquor, gambling, and sound systems will not be allowed in the cemeteries.

Even the media would not be allowed to broadcast live from the cemeteries today and tomorrow. The restriction also applies to civic groups.

Traffic rerouting

The Makati City government has installed additional lights on Kalayaan, South and Metropolitan avenues, built tents for medical assistance and information centers, and constructed seven wooden stairs to avoid congestion at the entrance of Makati Catholic Cemetery on Kalayaan Avenue.

Among the streets that would be closed to traffic are Kalayaan Ave., from Zapote to Nicanor Garcia streets (Reposo); Nicanor Garcia St. from J.P. Rizal Ave. to Kalayaan Ave.; South Ave. from JP Rizal Ave. to Metropolitan Ave.; Vito Cruz Extension from South Ave. to Zapote St.; Pililla St. from J.P. Rizal Ave. to Kalayaan.

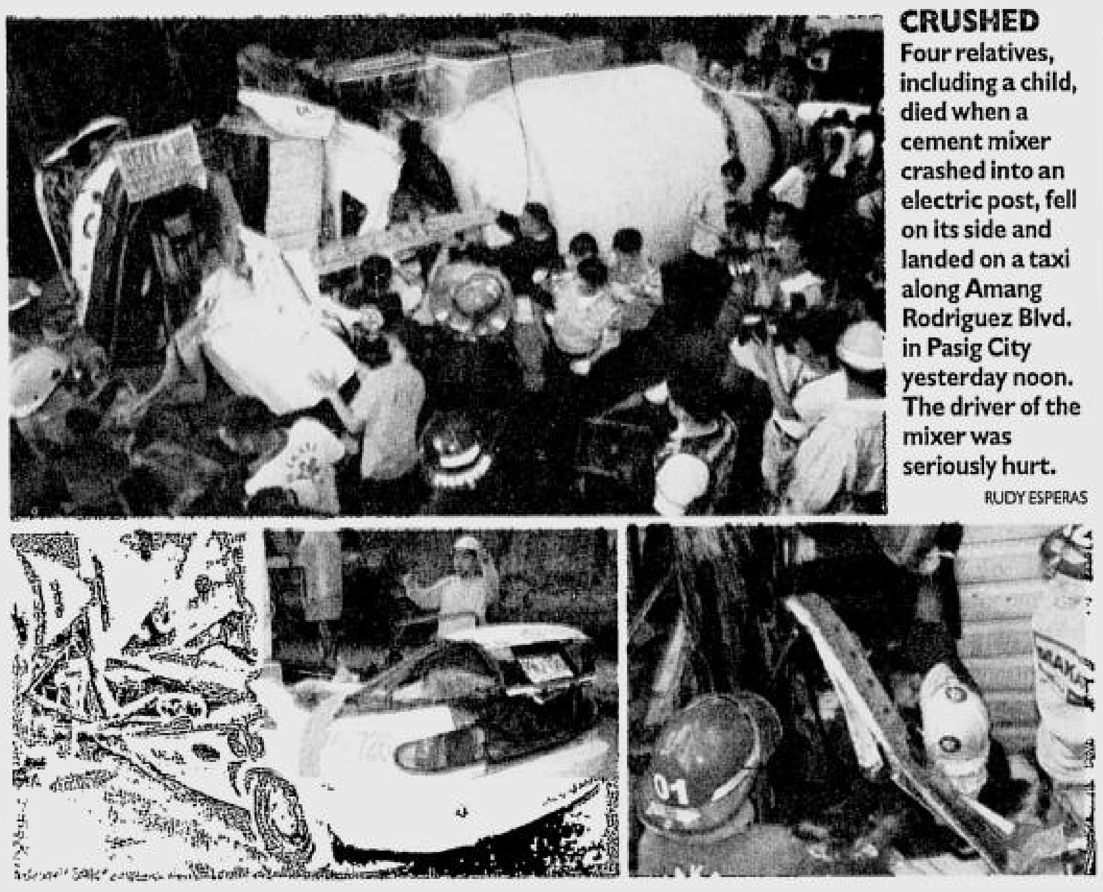
Manila road plan

The Western Traffic Enforcement Office announced that at midnight on Friday, a portion of Aurora Blvd., from Blumentritt St. to Dimasalang St., will be closed to traffic.

And so will be Blumentritt St., from Aurora Blvd. to Calavite St., and Dimasalang, from Blumentritt to A. Makiling.

Retiro St., from Blumentritt to Dimasalang, and portions Maria Clara St., will also be closed to traffic.

Vehicles bound for the Chinese Cemetery from Manila are advised to take Rizal Ave., or Jose Abad Santos Ave., then turn right at Pampanga St.



CRUSHED Four relatives, including a child, died when a cement mixer crashed into an electric post, fell on its side and landed on a taxi along Amang Rodriguez Blvd. in Pasig City yesterday noon. The driver of the mixer was seriously hurt.

RUDY ESPERAS

Trader survives robbery

BUSINESSMAN Arnel David narrowly survived an attempt on his life when he refused to give to robbers the P40,000 he had just withdrawn from a bank.

David, 40, owner of a garments factory, told police that after he had withdrawn P40,000 from a bank in Monumento, three men on a motorcycle followed him and blocked his Mitsubishi Lancer on Edsa in Cubao, Quezon City, at 2 p.m. yesterday.

When the trader refused to hand over the money, one suspect aimed his gun at David's head and fired. The suspect missed and hit David in the thigh.

After the shooting, the suspects left with only the handbag of David's wife. *Edson Tandoc Jr.*

NTC sets up SMS service vs cell phone snatchers

By Abigail Ho

CELLULAR phone theft may soon be less profitable for criminals.

The National Telecommunications Commission (NTC), together with cellular service providers Globe Telecom Inc., Smart Communications Inc. and Digitel Mobile Phil. Inc. (Sun Cellular), yesterday launched the Text 682 service that would allow owners of stolen phones to have their handsets blocked via text messaging.

"They would no longer need to go to the NTC's (one-stop public assistance center)," NTC chief Armi Jane Borje said yesterday.

According to her, "Owners can register their handsets so they can block these in case of theft. The user can report (the theft) using another phone."

But first, users need to register their handsets before they can avail of five different services: blocking, unblocking, undoing the registration, changing the registered personal identification number, and making inquiries.

To register, subscribers of Globe, Smart, Touch Mobile and Talk 'N Text need to send a text message to 682 containing their mobile phone number, PIN code and their handset's international mobile equipment identification (IMEI) number.

Sun Cellular subscribers can find the Text 682 service under their Emergency sub-menu.

Borje said their next move would be to have mobile phone service centers registered to prevent these from selling stolen handsets.

METROBRIEFS

Mystery man

AN UNIDENTIFIED man yesterday took on three suspected passenger jeepney robbers in Manila, killing suspect Noel Burol, 21, wounding Charrie Escalera, 22, and then running after an unnamed third man. SPO2 Virgo Villareal said Escalera is now in critical condition at the Jose R. Reyes Memorial Medical Center. Villareal said the suspects hit the Quiapo-bound jeepney of Danilo Galace, 47, on Geronimo corner G. Tuazon streets in Sampaloc at around 5:30 a.m. The suspects grabbed the bags of the victims, one of whom put up a fight, grappling with Burol for the icepick. The mystery man, also a passenger, took out his pistol and shot Burol and Escalera. The third suspect was able to jump from the jeepney, taking the loot with him. Before the mystery man ran after him, he told the victims to report to the police, and that he would meet them at the station. It was the last time the passengers saw him. Villareal said the man could be an off-duty police officer. *Leila Salaverria*

Cop shot dead

SPO2 REYNALDO Gonzales, 55, was all set to retire from service when a mentally unstable man allegedly shot him to death outside a police station yesterday in Pasig City. Investigators said suspect Flodelito Gabriel, 31, of Barangay Bambang, this city, even stood on a chair to get a good aim of Gonzales, outside Precinct 3 on C.M. Cruz Street, Barangay Bambang. Accompanied by his father, a barangay security officer, the suspect later surrendered to authorities. SPO4 Felix Maog, Precinct 3 commander, said the dead lawman, was a good officer and an able night shift supervisor.

Luige del Puerto

Inmates wounded

FOUR inmates on Wednesday were slightly wounded when prison guards fired warning shots to stop them from destroying the steel doors of their cells inside the Marikina City Jail. Senior Supt. Felipe Rojas Jr., city police chief, said tension gripped the city jail when 600 inmates staged a noise barrage to demand the ouster of jail warden Col. Arnulfo Obias. Rojas said inmates Ricardo Eugenio, Larry Flores, George Alcantara and Joven Taguig thought that those who negotiated with the authorities were being transferred to another jail. An official from the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology successfully negotiated with the inmates. *Luige del Puerto*

400 rookie officers to get baptized on All Saints' Day

By Edson Tandoc Jr., Christian Esguerra and Tina Santos

ABOUT 400 new police graduates will have their "baptism of fire" tomorrow when the nation observes All Saints' Day.

The 431 rookies have just completed their six-month Police Basic Recruit Course and would assist the 5,000 police regulars and 23,000 barangay security men in securing the cemeteries in Metro Manila.

In all, about 80,000 of the 114,000-strong national police force will be deployed nationwide to secure vehicle terminals, seaports, airports and other vital installations until Sunday, according to national police chief Hermogenes Ebdane Jr.

Police mobile units, backed by the Armed Forces, will also be detailed in remote towns to preempt possible attacks from the New People's Army.

With the police securing the roads and cemeteries, Ebdane advised residents to do their part by ensuring that their houses are properly locked before they go to the provinces.

He also advised people to look after nearby houses when their neighbors are out.

National Capital Region Police Office Director Reynaldo Velasco yesterday said the deployment would be in the interest of the raw recruits.

"Proper exposure and experience are the best teachers," Velasco explained.

The NCRPO director also announced that security measures are all in place.

Yesterday, Velasco and other police officials inspected several bus terminals in Araneta Center in Cubao, Quezon City, as well as the Metro Rail Transit stations. Members of the Special Weapons and Tactics also conducted target hardening drills in a few bus terminals where they practiced response procedures in cases of bomb threats.

Making a living among the dead

By Edson Tandoc Jr.

THE SEASON when Filipinos remember their dead is also a time when some make a living.

Two such people are Jerry Lachica, 35, and his son, Michael, 18, who work at the San Bartolome Cemetery in Malabon City.

The INQUIRER visited the graveyard on Wednesday and found Lachica and an aide rusing the renovation of a tomb.

They started the project early this week and had commitments to have it ready by Nov. 1, All Saints' Day.

It would earn them P22,000 for the week's work on the six- square meter structure, said Lachica who started out constructing houses and ended up building graves.

"This is a better job. I earn more in building tombs than in constructing houses," Jerry told the INQUIRER in Filipino.

A friend introduced Lachica to the job nine years ago and he has since been building tombs at the cemetery.

"*Mas maraming namamatay kaysa sa nagpapatayo ng bahay,*" Jerry added with a grin.

Michael, who was 13 when he started helping his father building tombs, now works with friends sweeping and cleaning the cemetery grounds for P150 a day.

He has this job, which only lasts for a week, up to Sunday. On Nov. 3, he goes back to school with other young people his age.

In another part of the cemetery, Raul dela Cruz was supervising the construction of a new mausoleum.

For 30 years, building houses for the dead has been Dela Cruz's main source of livelihood.

Most of the museums in San Bartolome had been the work of his hands. However, he is proudest of the mausoleum he did for the Sy Juco family, the biggest and grandest in San Bartolome.

Dela Cruz said the Sy Juco family spent P1.5 million for the two-story mausoleum, which also has a terrace on the roof. A small garden in front of the mausoleum is tended by a guard.

In his recent projects, Dela Cruz has been getting P450 a day as project foreman. When the INQUIRER visited him yesterday, Dela Cruz and his laborers were rushing another mausoleum for Saturday.

But while many find jobs inside the cemetery, some chose to do the dirty work themselves.

Ethel Aumentado, 24, came with his cousins at about 2:30 p.m., armed with a gallon of water, brushes, a can of paint and a sponge to repaint the tomb of their grandparents.

It was cheaper that way, she said.

THE SY JUCO family mausoleum in the San Bartolome Cemetery looks fit even for the living.

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2. You must be 18 to 65 years at the time of purchase.
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WHEREAS. The MALAYAN INSURANCE CO., INC. (hereinafter referred to as the "Company") agrees to provide for the eligible person described hereto in Section I, an accident insurance coverage for a period of twenty four (24) hours beginning on the date and time confirmed electronically by the Company, through an electronic commerce transaction hereby referred to as TEXT INSURE whereby the mobile phone user (hereinafter referred to as the "Insured") may apply for, purchase, and confirm their insurance coverage through the use of the text message capabilities of their mobile phones;

WHEREAS the Insured described in the Personal Information Sheet hereby attached and made an integral part of this Policy, being desirous of insuring himself in the manner referred to as TEXT INSURE, has registered with and purchased his insurance via TEXT INSURE and has declared truthfully and completely, and personally signed the said Personal Information Sheet which declaration it is agreed shall be the basis of the contract for the insurance hereby intended to be made and incorporated herein:

NOW THIS POLICY OF INSURANCE WITNESSETH that at any time during the said period wherein the Insured is covered by a validly purchased TEXT INSURE insurance, or during any subsequent period for which the Company may agree to renew the insurance, the Insured shall sustain bodily injury caused by violent accidental external and visible means which injury shall result in his death or disablement as hereinafter defined, the Company will, subject to the terms, provisos and conditions of and endorsed on this Policy, pay to the Insured or the person or persons specified in Proviso 3 the sum or sums of money specified in the Table of Benefits.

TABLE OF BENEFITS

BODILY INJURY caused by violent accidental external and visible means which injury shall result in:

1. Death occurring within twelve calendar months of bodily injury as aforesaid.
2. Permanent Disablement occurring within twelve calendar months of bodily injury as aforesaid and not followed within twelve calendar months of said bodily injury by the death of the Insured.

(Limit of Php 500,000 coverage at any one time regardless of the number of purchases)

TABLE OF COMPENSATION

COVERAGES	BENEFITS
Accidental Death	100%
Permanent loss of or loss of use of	
• Both hands or both feet	100%
• One hand and one foot	100%
• One hand or foot and sight of one eye	100%
• Sight of both eyes	100%
• One hand or one foot or sight of one eye	50%

Any bodily injury or disablement not specified above shall not be covered by this policy.

"Loss" as above used with reference to hand or foot means complete severance at or above the wrist or ankle respectively, and as used with reference to eyes, means total and irrecoverable loss of sight. If the Insured shall sustain more than one of such losses as a result of one accident, payment of the amounts shall be made only for that one loss for which the largest amount is payable. Losses sustained as a result of any subsequent accidents shall be considered for payment separately from and independently of other losses sustained in a previous accident. In any policy period, the aggregate amount payable under the Accidental Disablement Benefit with respect to any one or more accidents shall not exceed P 500,000. The amount of benefit payable for loss of life arising from independent, unrelated accident shall always be P 500,000 regardless of the amount(s) paid under the Accidental Disablement Benefit.

ACCUMULATION LIMIT

It is hereby understood that Ps 200,000,000.00 is the limit of indemnity for which the Company shall be liable under TEXT INSURE insurance for all the losses arising out of any one accident. In the event said limit of indemnity for any one accident is insufficient to pay the full amount of indemnity for each insured person, then the amount payable to each insured person shall be in proportion to the limit of indemnity for any one accident bears to the total amount of insurance that would have been payable.

I. ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for insurance coverage:

1. The individual must be registered with and purchase his insurance via TEXT INSURE
2. The individual must be 18 to 65 year's of age at the time of the insurance purchase
3. The individual must purchase his insurance coverage while within the Philippines
4. The individual must not purchase his insurance while in transit, i.e. in the process of traveling from one place to another, or in any location between the point of origin and the intended destination
5. The individual must not belong to the occupations listed under Section II – Exclusions
6. The individual must not be suffering from any physical disability or critical illness.

II. EXCLUSIONS

1. The Policy shall not apply to the following occupations:
   'acrobats, aircrew, airport maintenance, ambulance personnel, artists engaged in hazardous activities, asylum attendants, blasting, boiler, construction, demolition, and exterior building workers, detective, divers, film cameramen, firemen, fishermen, loggers, manufacturers/makers of ammunition, firework and explosives, military personnel, miners, news reporters/photographers whilst on duty, oil rig workers, paramedics, persons working at heights, policemen, politicians, professional drivers, professional sportsmen/women, quarry workers, sawmill workers, seamen, security guards, stevedores, structural steel workers, stuntmen, underground/underwater workers, workers of amusement/fairground, circus, zoo and wildlife parks,
2. The Policy shall not cover the disappearance of the Insured nor shall it extend to cover death or disablement by or happening through: a) bacterial infections (except pyogenic infections which shall occur through an accidental cut or wound) or infections caused by parasites; or b) medical or surgical treatment (except such as may be necessary solely by reason of injuries covered by this policy); c) miscarriage or pregnancy; d) suicide, self inflicted injury, or any attempt thereat; e) murder and assault, or any attempt thereat; f) war, invasion, act of foreign enemy, hostilities, or warlike operations (whether war be declared or not), mutiny, strikes, riots, civil commotion, civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection, conspiracy, military or usurped power, quarantine,; g) nuclear radiation or radioactive contamination; h) while participating in professional athletics or any organized and scheduled amateur physical contact sport; i) while engaging in but not limited to mountaineering requiring the use of ropes and guides, skin diving employing the use of compressed air cylinders, racing on wheels or horseback, skydiving from device for aerial navigation, hang gliding; j) cave in of mines; k) while under the influence of drug or alcohol; l) while committing or attempting to commit any crime, felony or other illegal act; m) while traveling in an aircraft other than one licensed for public passenger service and operated by a regular airline or a published scheduled flight over a regular air route between two definitely established airports and in which the Insured is traveling as a ticket holding passenger.

III. PROVISOS

1 Any fraud, misrepresentation, misstatement, or concealment in respect of this insurance, whether in electronic or in written form, of any claim shall render this Policy null and void and any benefit shall be forfeited.
2. Compensation shall be payable only when the entire amount of the claim shall have been ascertained and proven to the satisfaction of the company.
3. Indemnities for loss of life of the Insured is payable to the beneficiary indicated herein, if surviving the Insured, and otherwise to the estate of the Insured. All other indemnities of this policy are payable to the Insured. The receipt of such person or persons shall in all respect be an effective discharge to the Company.

IV. CONDITIONS

1. The insurance coverage shall commence upon confirmation by the Company, via text messages to the Insured, of all valid TEXT INSURE application and purchases. The confirmation text message will indicate the date and time of the commencement of the 24-hour insurance coverage and a unique Certificate of Coverage Number for every particular TEXT INSURE purchase.
2. This Policy, unless otherwise renewed, will have a fixed term of 24 hours. The insurance coverage shall terminate in the event of accidental death as provided therein, otherwise the Policy will automatically terminate after 24 hours from the date and time indicated in the confirmation text message sent by the Company to the Insured.
3. The Insured, at his option and subject to the terms and conditions herein, may renew his insurance coverage at any time by purchasing, via TEXT INSURE, another 24-hour insurance coverage. The Insured can only renew his insurance coverage once for every 24-hour period. This Policy is automatically renewed, without the need for re-application, every time the Company accepts and confirms the TEXT INSURE purchase.
4. This Policy includes the electronic TEXT INSURE text messages sent by the Insured to the Company and the attached Personal Information Sheet, and contains the entire contract of insurance. None of the provisions, conditions, and terms of this Policy shall be waived or altered except by endorsement, signed or initialed by an authorized official of the Company and issued in accordance with the provisions of Section 50 of the Insurance Code.
*5. Written notice of injury on which claim may be based must be given to the Company within thirty days after the date of accident causing the injury. In the event of death, immediate notice thereof must be given to the Company.
*6. Such notice given by or in behalf of the Insured, or beneficiary as the case may be, to the Company, at the City of Manila, or to any authorized agent of the Company, with particulars sufficient to identify the Insured, shall be deemed to be notice to the Company. Failure to give notice within the time provided in this Policy shall not invalidate any claim if it can be shown not to have been reasonably possible to give such notice and that notice was given as soon as reasonably possible.
7. The Company, upon receipt of such notice, will furnish to the claimant such forms as are usually furnished by it for filing proofs of loss. If such forms are not furnished within thirty days after its receipt of such notice, the claimant shall be deemed to have complied with the requirements of this Policy as to proof of loss upon submitting within the time fixed in the Policy for filing proofs of loss or written proof covering the occurrence, character and extent of the loss for which claim is made.
8. Affirmative proof of loss must be furnished to the Company at its said offices in case of claim for loss within ninety days after submission of notice referred to in No.5.
9. All certificates, information and evidence required by the Company shall be furnished at the expense of the Insured or the Insured's legal personal representatives and shall be in such form and of such nature as the Company may prescribe. The Insured as often as required shall submit to medical examination on behalf of the Company at its own expense in respect of any alleged bodily injury. The Company shall in case of the death of the Insured be entitled to have a post mortem examination at its own expense. The Insured shall as soon as possible after the occurrence of any injury obtain and follow the advice of a duly qualified medical practitioner and the Company shall not be liable for any consequences arising by reason of the Insured's failure to obtain or follow such advice and use such appliances or remedies as may be prescribed.
10. The Company shall have the right and opportunity to examine the person of an Insured when and as often it may reasonably require during the pendency of claim hereunder, and the right and opportunity to make an autopsy in case of death where it is not forbidden by law.
11. The amount of any claim under this Policy for which the Company may be liable shall be paid within thirty days after proof of loss is received by the Company and ascertainment of the loss is made either by agreement between the Insured and the Company or by arbitration; but if such ascertainment is not had or made within sixty days after such receipt by the Company of the proof of loss, then the claim shall be paid within ninety days after such receipt. Refusal or failure to pay the claim within the time prescribed by the Monetary Board, unless such failure or refusal to pay is based on the ground that the claim is fraudulent.
12. All differences as to the amount of any loss arising out of this Policy shall be referred to the decision of an Arbitrator to be appointed by the parties in difference, or if they cannot agree upon a single arbitrator, to the decision of two arbitrators, one to be appointed in writing by each of the parties within thirty (30) days after having been required to do so by either of the parties, and in case of disagreement of the arbitrators, to the decision of an umpire to be appointed in writing by the arbitrators before entering upon the reference. The making of an award shall be a condition precedent to any right of action against the Company. If a claim be made and rejected and an action or suit be not commenced within twelve (12) months after due notice of the award made by the arbitrator or arbitrators or umpire, then the claim shall for all the purpose be deemed to have abandoned and shall not thereafter be recoverable hereunder.
13. No assignment of interest under this Policy shall be binding upon the Company unless and until the original or duplicate thereof is filed at a branch or the home office of the Company. The Company does not assume any responsibility to the validity of any assignment. No change of beneficiary under this Policy shall bind the Company unless consent thereto is formally endorsed hereon by the Company.
14. It is hereby declared and agreed that the provisions of Article 1250 of the Civil Code of the Philippines (R.A. 386) which reads: "In case an extraordinary inflation or deflation of the currency stipulated should supervene, the value of the currency at the time of the obligation shall be the basis of payment…" shall not apply in determining the extent of liability under the provisions of this Policy.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The Insurance Commissioner, with offices in Manila, Cebu and Davao, is the government official in charge of faithful execution and the enforcement of all laws relating to insurance and has supervision over insurance companies. The Commissioner is ready at all times to render assistance in settling any controversy between an Insurance Company and a Policyholder relating to insurance matters.

In Witness Whereof, **MALAYAN INSURANCE CO., INC.** has caused this Policy to be signed by its duly authorized officer in the City of Manila, Philippines.

Yvonne S. Yuchengco
President

PERSONAL INFORMATION SHEET

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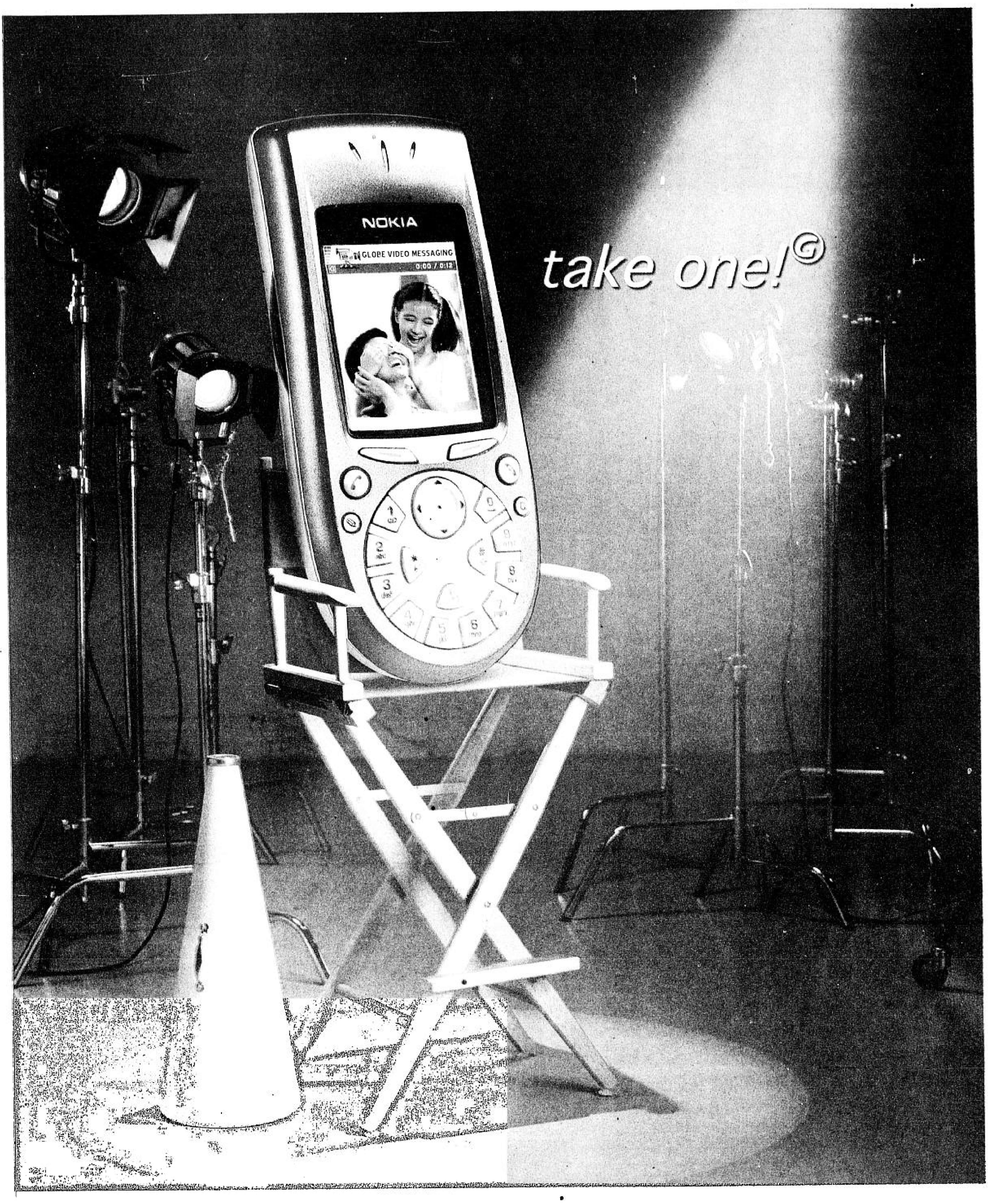

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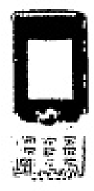

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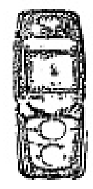

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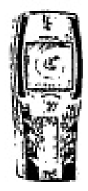

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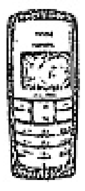

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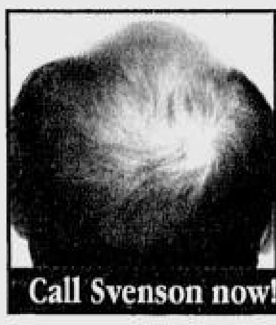

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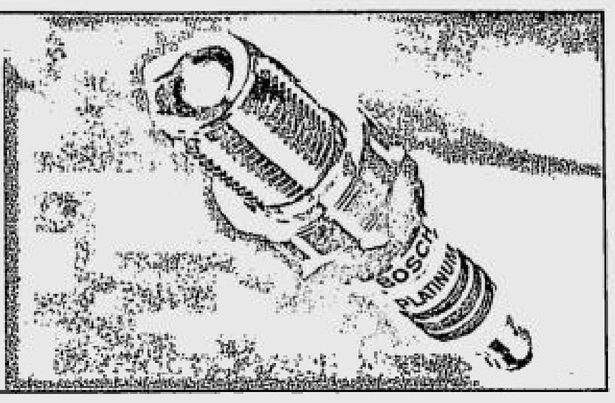

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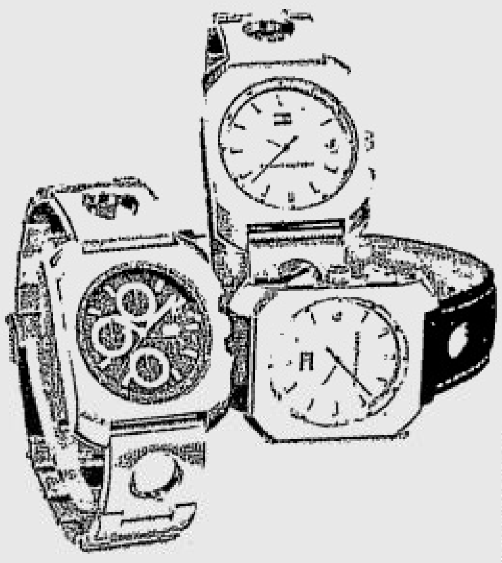

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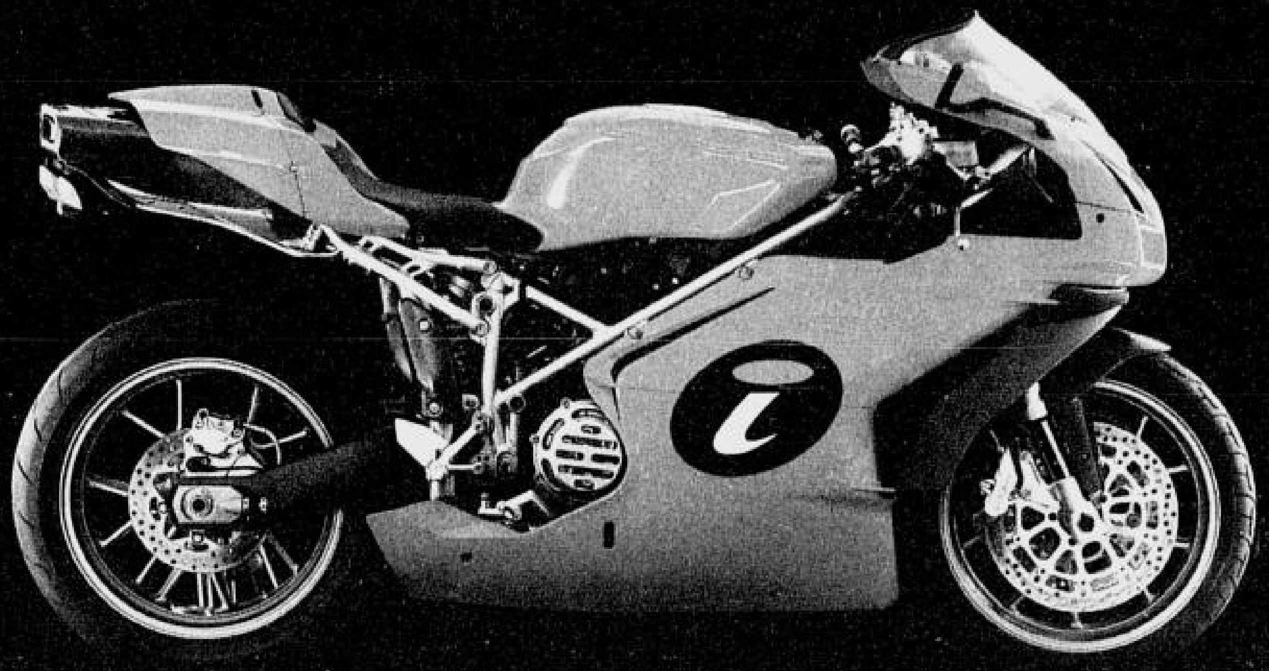

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Keon brings case of uncredited medals to PSC

By Marc Anthony Reyes

THIS is a classic case of the guest team not getting gracious treatment from the host.

Ilocos Norte, competing as a guest team in the recent Mindanao Friendship Games in Mati, Davao Oriental, captured a total of 18 gold medals aside from 15 silvers and 8 bronzes courtesy of a 45-strong contingent that competed only in three sports.

Unofficially, the Ilocanos finished fifth overall behind MFG champion Davao City, Iligan City, Davao Oriental and Zamboanga City.

But in the final MFG standings released by the organizing Philippine Sports Commission, Ilocos was credited with only three golds and two bronzes.

What happened to the 15 golds and other medals and why were they not credited to Ilocos?

Michael Keon, former Project: Gintong Alay director and now the sports czar of Ilocos Norte, yesterday sought an explanation to these questions from the PSC, which had given Keon an assurance that all medals won by his charges would be acknowledged.

Ariel Paredes, the PSC official in charge of grass-roots sports, admitted Ilocos had won no less than eight golds, but could not say why the Ilocanos were credited with only three.

It was Paredes who decided on the final day of the MFG to acknowledge all medals won by Ilocos after a talk with Keon.

"Although Ilocos is a guest team, we still decided to upgrade our rules and give them the medals provided that in the standings, there will be a parenthesis stating that they are a guest team," Paredes told the INQUIRER.

But the PSC also gave the runner-up to every Ilocano champion a gold medal to determine the medal standings.

"We want to be fair to the Mindanao delegations, because the MFG caters to them primarily," explained Paredes.

Keon said the Ilocanos nailed a total of 10 golds in gymnastics, five in athletics and three in taekwondo. Last year in Cagayan de Oro, Ilocos came up with 7 golds, 4 silvers and a bronze despite fielding only 13 athletes.

The multi-gold winners among the Ilocanos were Kimberly Jane Pacubat in rhythmic gymnastics and April Lucky Gappi in men's artistic gymnastics.

CZARINA Mae Arevalo stretches for a shot against her rival from Zimbabwe in the 1st Afro-Asian games in Hyderabad. Arevalo won, 6-1, 6-3. AFP

AFRO-ASIAN GAMES

Tañamor, Payla bag silver; netters shine

By Roy Luarca

HYDERABAD, India—Harry Tañamor and Violito Payla made sure there would be no more reversals Wednesday as they hurdled their opponents convincingly to barge into the boxing finals of the 1st Afro-Asian Games here.

Tañamor dumped Kazakhstan's Serik Sikymbayev, 29-6, to assure himself of at least a silver in the light fly division.

Taking the cue, Payla took the offensive in the last four rounds to prevail, 21-12, over Busan Asian Games champion (light fly) Kim Ki-Suk and earn a crack at the flyweight gold.

The impressive wins more than made up for Monday's disastrous ruling by the boxing jury nullifying a victory by compatriot Ferdie Gamo.

Another Filipino, Roel Laguna, bowed to Yzbekhistan's Dilshod Mahmudov, 32-5, and settled for the bronze in the light welter category.

Tañamor and Payla, both with the Army special services under Col. Manuel Marcon, will have to contend with local bets Mohd Ali Qamar and Akhil Kumar, however, in the finals set Friday at the Gatchibowli Indoor Stadium.

"Tañamor and Payla should win convincingly in the finals to avoid the fate of Gamo," said coach Pat Gaspi.

Gamo's 2-1 quarterfinals victory over All-Africa champion Malik Bouziani of Algeria was overturned by the grand jury, 5-4, denying the four-man team sent here by Amateur Boxing Association of the Philippines president Manny Lopez of a perfect four-member, four-medal performance.

The netters also continued their fine showing at the SAAP Tennis Complex, gaining two more bronzes that raised the Philippines' medal haul to 2 silvers and 7 bronzes after five days of action in the 97-nation event.

Johnny Arcilla and Adelo Abadia yielded to Indians Mahesh Bhupati and Rohan Bopanna in the men's doubles semifinals, 6-3, 6-2, while Czarina Mae Arevalo was beaten by another Indian, Sania Mirza, in the women's singles, 6-4, 6-1.

Also assured of at least bronzes were Arevalo and Anna Patricia Santos, who subdued the Nigerian pair of Osaro Amadin and Clara Udofa, 6-3, 7-6, in the women's doubles and Arcilla, who thwarted Nigeria's Abdulmumin Babalola, 6-3, 2-6, 6-3, in the men's singles.

Still trying to duplicate Lerma Bulauitan-Gabito's silver medal effort in the long jump Thursday are John Lozada (800m) and the 4x400m relay team of Ernie Candelario, Jimar Aing, Ronnie Marfil and Rodrigo Tanuan.

Go Teng Kok, president of the Philippine Track and Field Association and chef de mission of the Asian contingent here, has instructed his wards to go after the Thais in their events.

"It would be hard to beat the Asian and African powerhouses, but our runners are at par with the Thais," said Go.

China stayed ahead in the medal race with 17 golds, 6 silvers and 3 bronzes, followed by South Africa (12-11-13) and Japan (9-3-1).

The Philippines stood in 18th place, towing Thailand (0-2-32).

PBA raps IBC for pulling plug on games

By June Navarro

THE PHILIPPINE Basketball Association yesterday criticized the International Broadcasting Corp. (IBC-13) for backing out of its commitment to cover the games.

Speaking in behalf of commissioner Noli Eala, Ricky Palou, the league's chief finance officer, charged the government-sequestered station of reneging from its responsibilities to the PBA.

"This is damaging to the league. They (IBC officials) just can't back out of a contract if they want to," said Palou, citing the memorandum of agreement the NBN-IBC consortium signed with the league.

Under the agreement, NBN-4 and IBC-13 were under obligation to air the games on a simulcast basis.

IBC-13, however, stopped its coverage of the PBA games Wednesday night due to unpaid airtime dues from NBN.

Eala couldn't be reached for comment. The commissioner flew to Japan early in the week to attend the opening of the National Basketball Association season together with PBA media bureau chief Willie Marcial.

"We have a binding agreement with them (NBN-IBC), but then again, it's up to the board to decide," said Palou.

NBN officials were surprised by IBC's move but promised to continue with its coverage of the PBA games.

"We feel that the PBA continues to be an indispensable part of the Filipinos nationwide and in the midst of all these trying times, we are not about to abandon our commitment to the Filipino people," said NBN general manager Joey Isabelo.

"We wish to state that while we are faced with the same concerns, it is our obligation to the PBA, the advertisers and the viewing public to continue the airing of the games over NBN-4 and its 28 provincial stations nationwide."

"We assure the public that the excitement and action in the PBA will continue to be aired despite these problems," Isabelo added.

IBC officials claimed that NBN, through its financial arm Summit Sports Corp., has failed to pay its airtime dues worth almost P30 million.

Court enforces ruling on legal hoops body

COURT sheriffs yesterday enforced a ban on the use of "Basketball Association of the Philippines (BAP)," which the Court of Appeals said could no longer be used by any group other than the legitimate Basketball Association of the Philippines Inc. (Bapi).

An official copy of the Court of Appeals resolution was received by Rose Deato, office secretary of the illegal BAP, and Victor Buenaventura, a representative of its referees association, enjoining its officials to refrain from representing themselves as belonging to the National Sports Association (NSA) for basketball in the country.

Nic Jorge, secretary general of the court-recognized Bapi, called the latest development in his fight to reclaim the association as "a triumph for what is just and right" even as he appealed to both the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) and the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC) to "respect and follow the decision of the court."

JORGE AUGUST DE LA CRUZ

Jorge said outright recognition of the Bapi by the PSC and POC would "help ease tension between the Bapi and the illegal group" while reiterating he is looking forward to an "amicable settlement of the issue, for the benefit of the sport we all love."

"If the POC and the PSC would recognize us outright, we will open talks with officials of the illegal BAP and find ways to get them involved once again in formulating policies to put the sport back on track. All these under the banner of our proposed basketball superbody," he said.

Eala's ally

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

I AGREE with Wilfred Uytengsu. We must back up Commissioner Noli Eala's proposal to have only one PBA championship each year.

The times, they are a-changing.

The times, they are no longer attuned to the PBA's well-being.

The times, they blow winds not refreshing enough to save the dying league.

Fans have been shying away from the PBA because it started its season with a flawed format. The strong teams were punished and the weak teams rewarded. What a stupid format we had indeed. As a case in point, Barako Red Bull got dismantled despite having the best record in the eliminations of the first conference.

The NBA has one champion every year and, rightfully, they call it the world champion. Where else in the world can you find the finest basketball players if not the NBA?

We cannot say the same of the PBA. The champion each year—if ever the one-champion-per-year format is ever adopted—can be the best in the country but not in all of Asia. In Southeast Asia, maybe. I still believe our SEA neighbors can never match up to our talents in the PBA.

But one problem, though, that comes to mind, if and when the Eala formula is adopted, is the number of teams in the PBA. With only 10 teams in its roster, the PBA could soon be lacking in excitement. The league could deteriorate into boredom if the right schedule is not well thought out. Perhaps, the league should first study the idea of accepting more squads next year before adopting the one-champion-for-the-year format. The NBA's strength is the sheer number of its members. All over America, the NBA has a team; in some states, such as California and Texas, you will find two, three, even four teams. California has a team in Sacramento and Oakland, and two in Los Angeles. Texas has two—one in Dallas and another in San Antonio.

I don't know, but isn't it about time that teams be put up in the Visayas and Mindanao?

As things stand, all the PBA teams are based in Manila. We don't even have teams from other major Luzon cities like Legazpi, Naga, or Lucena down South, or Angeles, Dagupan or Laoag up North.

So, if we want to talk about a so-called yearly champion team in the PBA, we might as well start entertaining going national in scope. For a start, some teams ought to be put up in Cebu, Bacolod or Iloilo in the Visayas, and Davao, Cagayan de oro and General Santos City in Mindanao.

Sometimes, it takes only guts to gain some measure of glory. If the league wants to recapture its old splendor and glory, the PBA governors should remove their cloak of clannishness and persevere more in addressing the call of the times, which is spelled c-h-a-n-g-e.

The league has absorbed so much damage this season—a faulty format and all, not to mention the brouhaha triggered by the haphazard handling of the drug scandal that hit some star players and the sticky Fil-Am issue that threatened to blow up the PBA into smithereens.

I also buy the issue of fielding in PBA players to the ABC cagefest. With the one-champion format, I think we can devise a schedule that can give equal time to prepare our team for both the Asian Games and the ABC. Both tournaments carry so much prestige that to continue treating the ABC as second fiddle to the Asiad is like saying love and marriage are not co-equal in weight, if not importance. For one, the ABC gives us the chance to represent Asia in the Olympic Games. For another, the ABC also gives us the chance to redeem ourselves should we falter in the Asian Games. And vice versa.

So, let's keep pounding the doors, Wilfred. You got a point there so please go for it.

For once, Eala has got an ally worth supporting.

FASTBREAK. Congratulations to Mayor Francisco Rabat of Mati, Davao Oriental and his wife, Edith, for successfully hosting the recent Mindanao Friendship Games. Actually the Rabat family to include son, Louie, and daughter, Michelle, did a swell job that even Gov. Ma. Elena Palma Gil was very ecstatic over the way the Games had been handled. Of course, it goes without saying that Neil Bravo, the "silent voice" behind all the success of the affair, gets some credit, too. Even President Macapagal-Arroyo had acknowledged the combined efforts of Mayor Rabat and Gov. Palma Gil by attending Mati's centennial celebration on Oct. 29 to the lusty cheers of the people of Davao Oriental. *Mabuhay kayo diyan!*

SPORTSWATCH

Antidrugs office at RMSC

IN SUPPORT of President Macapagal-Arroyo's antidrug campaign, the Philippine Sports Commission has provided an office to the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency Task Force Hunter headed by Director Rey Jaylo, who is also president of the Philippine Amateur Judo Association. Jaylo's office at the old Narcom building in Camp Crame was demolished recently to give way to the construction of the PNP Detective School. PSC executive director Ed Mateo said the presence of the PDEA Hunter at the Rizal Memorial Sports Complex will boost chair Eric Buhain's vision of a drug-free sports complex and further protect the athletes, coaches, employees and sports officials from drug pushers. The new location will ease the load for people who had been inconvenienced by Camp Crame entry requirements.

RP soft netters vying in Japan tourney

THE PHILIPPINES will see action in the 12th World Soft Tennis Championships to be held in Hiroshima, Japan, from Nov. 4 to 11. The delegation from the Philippine Soft Tennis Association (PSTA) is composed of playing coach Winifredo de Leon Jr., Michael Enriquez, Orlando Silvoza, Richmond Paguyo and men's No. 1 Samuel Nuguit, playing coach Josephine Paguyo, Petrona Bantay, Divina Escala, Dinna Cruz, Belen Dante and Karen Bundalian. The team will be led by chef de mission and PSTA treasurer Francis Hervas, director Roberto Tamayo and league umpire Agapito Custodio. Countries competing in the championships are Japan, Philippines, China, South Korea, Taiwan, Taipei, Nepal, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, India, Spain, Brazil, Puerto Rico, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Brunei, Australia, and the United States.

Rifa Cup invitational soccerfest set

SOME 180 teams and clubs from Metro Manila are expected to compete in the seven-a-side 1st Rifa Cup Invitational Tournament on Nov. 15 and 16 at the Ateneo football grounds in Quezon City. Competitions will be held in various age (six to 17) categories, said the organizing Rizal Football Association (Rifa). For inquiries, call 658-2968.

First Play for Wellness Cup Nov. 13

THE "FIRST Play for Wellness Cup" tees of on Nov. 13 at the Valley Golf Club in Cainta, Rizal. Rechi Cristobal, Family Wellness Center (FWC) Foundation executive director, said the tournament highlights another year of success at getting families affected by drug addiction back on track. "Drug, alcohol or any other chemical dependency affects the entire family, not just the user; hence it is important that every member of the family be involved with the patient's treatment," Cristobal said. The tournament aims to raise funds to sustain FWC's advocacy in prevention of substance abuse through awareness programs for private and public schools as well as in workplaces.

Pasig River Marathon listing starts

REGISTRATION for the 4th Pasig River Heritage Marathon (PRHM), a unique sporting event that marries the physical challenges of a marathon with education and awareness about the Pasig River and its need for sustained rehabilitation, is now in full swing as Clean and Green Foundation Inc. remains committed to see it through. Interested athletes, running enthusiasts and running groups can now get and fill up forms available at the following venues : Clean & Green Foundation Inc. office at 2nd flr. Benlife Building, BPI Compound, Muralla Street., Intramuros Manila; The Orchidarium and Butterfly Pavillion at Teodora Valencia Circle in Rizal Park, Manila; Patafa office at the 2nd flr., Rizal Memorial Track and Football Stadium, M. Adriatico Street, Malate, and at Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission office at 2nd flr., Engineering Building, MWSS Compound, Katipunan Road, Quezon City.

Exciting fights on tap in Pasay derby

MORE than 50 electrifying fights are scheduled in today's special 3-cock derby at the air-conditioned Pasay City Cockpit. Action starts promptly at 7 p.m. with Sagupaan Hammer, Sagupaan Mite Free and Sagupaan B-50 Forten as sponsors. The PCC management has put up a guaranteed prize of P150,000 while entry fee is only P3,300. Awaiting the fastest winners (combined time) are the following prizes: 6 cu. ft. refrigerator for the winner, 21" color TV (second) and washing machine (third to fifth places). Meanwhile, pit managers Oscar Gonzales, Eric de la Rosa and Butchoy Olano yesterday announced the staging of another 3-cock derby on Nov. 7, also with a cash pot of P150,000. Regular hackfights are held at PCC every Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. For inquiries, call 843-1890, 843-1746 and 816-6750.

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WOMEN'S CIRCUIT I & II

PHINMA chair and CEO Oscar J. Hilado (right), Union cement chief operating officer, Paul O'Callaghan, (second from right), Philta president Buddy Andrada and Manila Polo Club Tennis Committee chair Raymond Suarez (left), recently signed an agreement formally launching the 8th Union Cement/ITF Philippines Women's Circutis I and II set Nov. 10-16 at the Manila Polo Club in Makati City. With them are Ajay Pathak of Philta and Art Milan of Union Cement.

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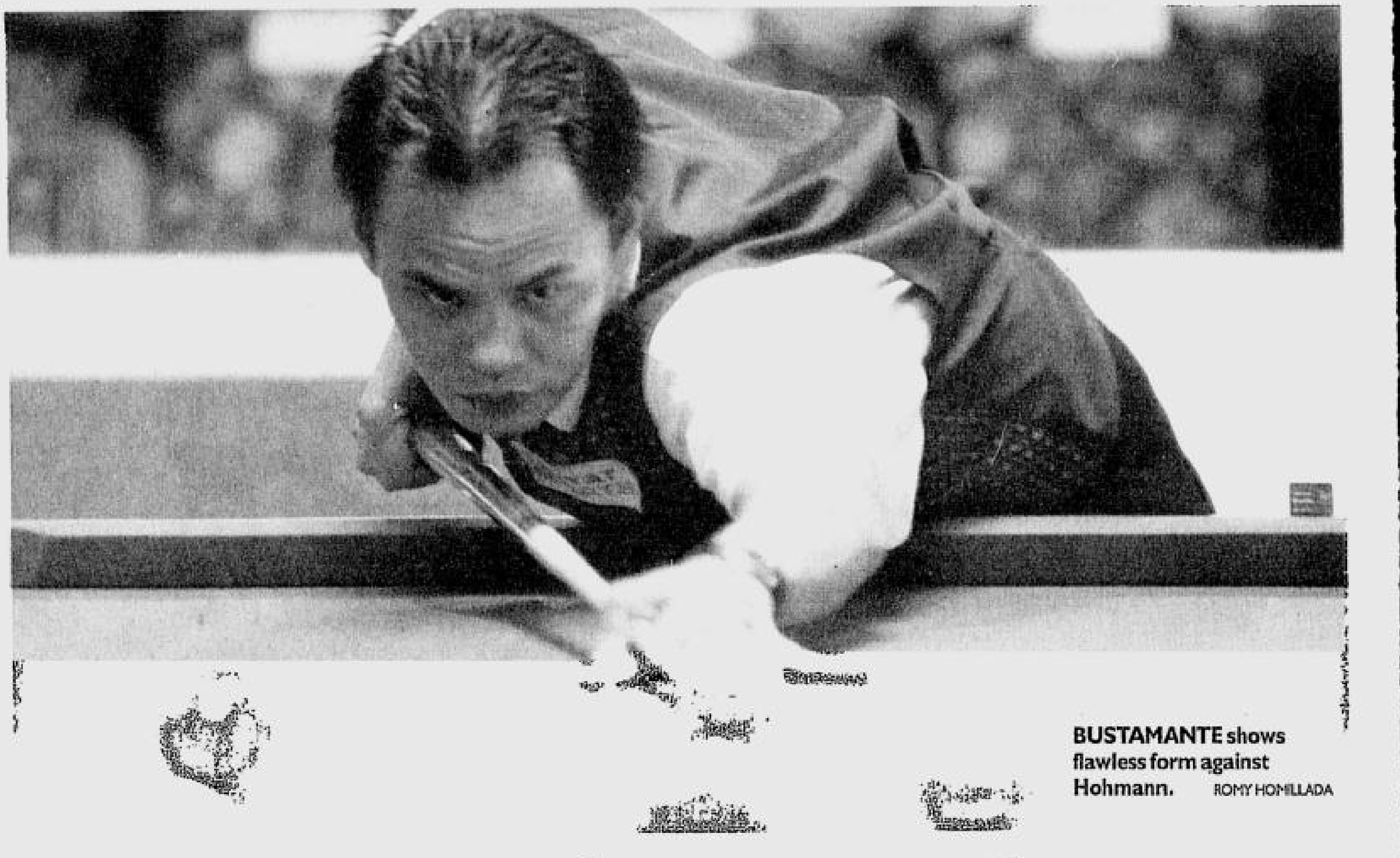
MABUHAY MILES GOLF: Philippine Airlines has joined hands with Auto Prominence Corp., exclusive distributor of Audi in the country, and Toyota Motor Philippines Corp. to stage the 2003 Mabuhay Miles Elite Invitational Golf Tournament. The Nov. 14 event at the Orchard Golf and Country Club will be participated in by over 200 Elite and Premier Elite members of Mabuhay Miles, PAL's select circle of first and business class frequent flyers. Shown at the contract signing are (seated, from left) TMPC advertising manager Jon Hechanova, PAL vice president for marketing Felix Cruz and APC vice president for marketing Federico de Guzman. Witnessing are Dax Avenido of TMPC and Amabel Custodio of APC.

CITIBANK treated its CitiGold Wealth Management Banking clients and guests to a game of golf at Wack Wack Golf and Country Club in Mandaluyong City during the first CitiGold Golf Invitational Tournament recently. Photo shows (from left) CitiGold Wealth Management head Ailene Litonjua, Wack Wack senior consultant for sports and games Richard Brodett, Wack Wack director and chair for sports and games committee Antonio Tuason and Ernest Paguia, business unit manager of tournament co-presentor TaylorMade, Phils.



BUSTAMANTE shows flawless form against Hohmann. ROMY HOMILLADA

Django shoots down Hohmann, gains final

By Dennis U. Eroa

FRANCISCO "Django" Bustamante played flawlessly and thrashed reigning World Pool champion Thorsten Hohmann of Germany, 11-2, yesterday to barge into the finals of the On Cue II at Studio 23: Battle of Champions at the Robinson's Galleria in Mandaluyong City.

Bustamante's foe in the race-to-13 alternate-break finals is American Johnny Archer, who beat Fil-Canadian Alex Pagulayan, 11-8, in the other semifinal pairing.

Breaking superbly and getting the right angles, Bustamante played with flourish to score the easy victory after losing the first rack against the 24-year-old former member of the German army.

"He [Hohmann] was simply unlucky with the balls," said Bustamante, who avenged his 4-7 setback to the German early in the eliminations. Hohmann also beat Bustamante in the quarterfinals of the World Pool event in Cardiff, Wales, last July.

From 0-1, Bustamante went to town as he ruled the next eight racks thanks mainly to his superior shotmaking. Stunned, the music-loving Hohmann managed to stop the bleeding when he won the 10th rack, 8-2, but the Filipino cue hero wasn't going to let this golden opportunity slip away.

Bustamante goes for the $20,000 champion's purse in this invitational tournament sponsored by LG Flatron, ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp. and Puyat Sports.

"It's going to be tough," said Archer when asked to describe his match with Bustamante.

Pagulayan had earlier beaten Earl "the Pearl" Strickland, 7-5, to enter the semifinals.

Efren "Bata" Reyes downed Johnny Archer, 7-6, but still failed to advance due to the quirks of the quotient system. Reyes and Bustamante finished the eliminations with 2-2 cards, but Bata failed to join Pagulayan to the next round by failing to beat Archer by four racks.

Earlier, the Pampanga pride seemed to have that goal on target after taking a 5-2 lead and with a break at hand.

But Reyes wasn't able to keep his streak going. He bungled a safety on the 5-ball, and Archer quickly pounced on the error to win the next four racks. Reyes finally pulled it out, thanks to two magical shots in the 12th and 13th racks.

The 25-year-old Pagulayan, now based in Toronto, finished his eliminations campaign with a 3-1 win-loss record in this four-day event presented by ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp. and Puyat Sports.

Hohmann downed Reyes, 7-4, last Wednesday and, like Pagulayan, also finished the elims with a 3-1 mark.

Ramos rules 150-km Tour of Tarlac

TARLAQUEÑO Merculio Ramos stamped his class right on his home turf by ruling last Sunday's Tour of Tarlac, a 150-km circuit race principally sponsored by Air21.

Ramos, runnerup in last summer's Tour Pilipinas 2003, clocked three hours and 10 minutes in the event sanctioned by the Tour Pilipinas Inc. and the Philippine National Cycling Association.

Edilberto Orpeleta also clocked 3:10:00 but settled for second place in the race organized by Ric Rodriguez. Benito Lopez Jr. was third with 3:11:30 and Joedy Etrata was fourth with 3:13.00.

Rounding out the top 10 also with times of 3:13:00 were Dominador Jacob, Anthony Miranda, Conrado Solís, Manuel Mendoza, Virgilio Muena and Edison Duran.

Cash prizes were given to the winners of the event where the riders had to make 30 laps to finish the race. One lap was five km long.

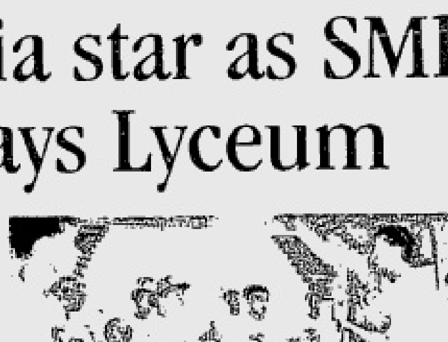
Jarencio, Garcia star as SMB All Stars outplays Lyceum

CALACA, Batangas—Alfredo Jarencio and Nandy Garcia, two former Barangay Ginebra hotshots, sizzled from beyond the three-point arc and presided over a first-half breakway as the San Miguel All Stars turned back Lyceum University of Batangas, 89-76, at the Calaca Gym recently.

Jarencio had four triples in the first quarter while Garcia had four in the second period to give the San Miguel All-Stars a 57-44 halftime edge. From there, coach Cris Calilan's wards simply coasted to victory, giving funny man Jimmy Santos the opportunity to dish off some of his antics in the second half.

A huge crowd of more than 6,000 fans watched the game that was played with the support of Star Margarine, San Miguel Pale Pilsen and Purefoods Hotdogs.

Garcia, a former Adamson Falcon, led the SMC All-Stars with 19 points while Jarencio had 16. Two others finished in double figures, with Noynoy Falcasantos tallying 15 and Sonny Cabatu adding 11.



MEMBERS of the San Miguel All-Stars conduct the usual pre-game clinic in their playing tour.

Scores:

SMC ALL-STARS 89—Garcia 19, Jarencio 16, Falcasantos 15, Cabatu 11, Escobar 8, Jose 8, Loyzaga 7, Quilban 2, Santos 0.

LYCEUM UNIVERSITY 76—Mallom 15, Pangilinan 14, Andaya 11, Medina 7, M. Macalalad 6, Maranion 6, T. T. Macalalad 5, Rimas 4, Armada 3, Alamag 3, Olavario 2, Dimaano 0, Nublta 0, Maranan.

Halftime: 57-44

Legend Tee golf tourney slated

REGISTRATION is in full swing for the third Legend Tee Golf Tournament, which kicks off Nov. 8 at the Subic Bay Golf and Country Club, with the event serving as a fund-raiser to help victims of armed conflict in Mindanao.

The one-day tournament is organized by Legend International Resorts Ltd. (LIRL) whose three hotel properties—Legenda Hotel, Grand Seasons Hotel and Legenda Suites—are the finest names in leisure and luxurious accommodations in picturesque Subic Bay.

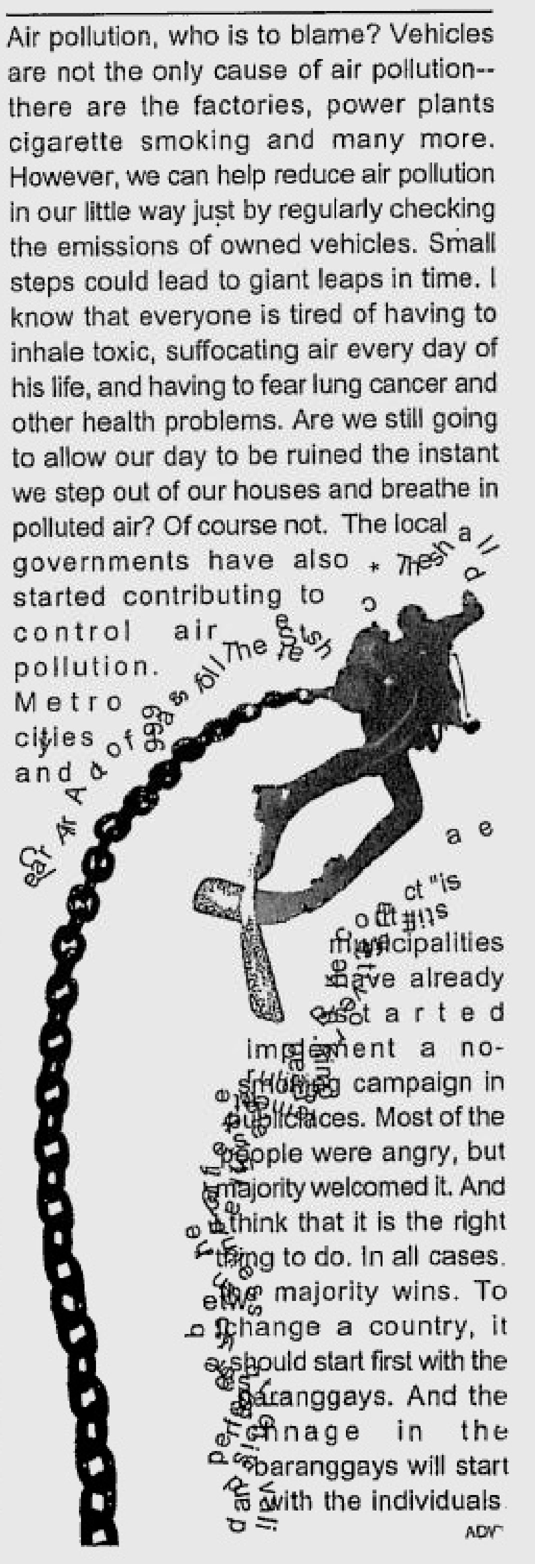
Entry fee is P3,900 and includes donation to Tabang Mindanaw, green fee caddie, golf cart and insurance fees, a pair of mulligans, snacks, pre-tournament cocktails, awards dinner and raffle stub. Tournament packages are also available at any of LIRI's hotels.

Deadline for registration is Nov. 5 with the field limited to 200 players. For registration and information, call the event secretariat at 732-9888 or 252-1888.

Competition is open to individual and team players. Round-trip tickets to Kuala Lumpur and membership to the Legendary Gold Club are up for grabs plus a Brand New 4 x 2 Nissan Frontier Pickup which is staked as hole-in-one prize.

No less than Secretary of National Defense Eduardo Ermita will spearhead the ceremonial tee-off on Nov. 8 while former Miss Universe and Tabang Mindanaw task force member Margie Moran will grace the opening of TM's exhibit the following day at the lobby of the five-star Legenda Hotel.

The third Legend Tee golf tournament is held in cooperation with Cordyn Tours & Travel, Emerald Headway, Eugenics, Inter Island Tours & Transportation, Kuok Phil. Properties, Ocampo's Olongapo, PDI Sales, Peter Jo Wintrex Travel, World Golf League, Yuri Global Wear Manufacturer and Ayala Aviation.


Air pollution, who is to blame? Vehicles are not the only cause of air pollution-- there are the factories, power plants cigarette smoking and many more. However, we can help reduce air pollution in our little way just by regularly checking the emissions of owned vehicles. Small steps could lead to giant leaps in time. I know that everyone is tired of having to inhale toxic, suffocating air every day of his life, and having to fear lung cancer and other health problems. Are we still going to allow our day to be ruined the instant we step out of our houses and breathe in polluted air? Of course not. The local governments have also started contributing to control air pollution. Metro cities and municipalities have already started implement a no-smoking campaign in public places. Most of the people were angry, but majority welcomed it. And I think that it is the right thing to do. In all cases, the majority wins. To change a country, it should start first with the baranggays. And the change in the baranggays will start with the individuals

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Fitness regimen costs Clarke a fortune

SOTOGRANDE, Spain—Darren Clarke's new fitness regimen has been so successful that the Briton has had to shed his wardrobe of around 200 golf shirts and 100 pairs of trousers.

The 35-year-old Northern Irishman, bidding to make himself more competitive in major championships, has been working with former rugby league professional Steve Hampson for the last two months, losing 17 pounds (7.711 kilogram) in weight.

"He's been very, very good for me," Clarke told a news conference on Wednesday, ahead of this week's Volvo Masters at Valderrama.

"He's been very tough and stringent, and doing a lot of things with me—diets, stretching, a little bit of boxing, all sorts of stuff.

"He's pushed me harder and harder every week, and he's going to go everywhere I'm going (for golf tournaments) between now and the end of the year," added the Briton, a burly professional who has a penchant for puffing cigars.

CLARKE

"But I'm down a neck-size now and I really had fun the other day. I probably removed about 100 pairs of trousers and 200 golf shirts from my home!"

Clarke, who lies second in the European order of merit going into the final event of the season, will be keeping one eye this week on the PGA Tour's Chrysler Championship.

The Ulsterman, who won the Volvo Masters at Montecastillo in 1998, is determined to qualify for next week's end-of-season Tour Championship in the United States for the leading 30 players.

"I'm 26th on the (US) money list, so I need five people to pass me if I (am to) miss (out on playing), but it (the Chrysler Championship) is a $4.8-million event," he said.

"But I really want to play in the Tour Championship because it's been a dream of mine, I've always wanted to play in it," added Clarke, who won the WGC-NEC Invitational at Akron, Ohio in late August.

"The gap between me and 30th position is not an awful lot.

So, if I get in, I think I'll just sneak it. But, if I don't get into it, so be it. I've given it as good as go as I could do." Clarke, who has produced eight top-10 finishes in 17 European Tour starts this season, is one of 57 players contesting the 16th Volvo Masters at par-72 Valderrama.

World number two Ernie Els, 2001 US Open champion Retief Goosen and Australia's Peter Lonard are the sole absentees from Europe's top 60.

Els has already clinched the 2003 European order of merit, so the main incentives for this week's elite field are a first prize of $690,256 and the prestige of clinching the European Tour's grand finale.

LEBRON James reacts after assisting on a three-point play in his NBA debut against the Sacramento Kings. REUTERS

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Rookie sizzles despite

SACRAMENTO, California—LeBron James more than lived up to his hype in the first regular-season game of his NBA career, playing like no other 18-year-old ever had in his professional debut as the Cleveland Cavaliers lost 106-92 Wednesday night to the Sacramento Kings.

James had 25 points, nine assists, six rebounds and four steals, mesmerizing one of the league's loudest crowds with skills no teenager had ever displayed at this level.

James' point total was by far the most by any prep-to-pro rookie since Kobe Bryant made the jump in 1996, eclipsing the 10 points scored by both Jonathan Bender of Indiana in his 1999 debut and Amare Stoudemire of Phoenix last year.

In fact, James' 25 eclipsed the combined totals of Bryant (no points), Jermaine O'Neal (two), Kwame Brown (two), Eddy Curry (two), Tyson Chandler (one), Kevin Garnett (eight) and Tracy McGrady (none) in their professional debuts.

James led the Cavaliers back from an early 19-point deficit, giving Cleveland its first lead by feeding J.R. Bremer for a 3-pointer that made it 85-83 with 10:05 left in the fourth.

Sacramento regained control with a 6-0 run, and the Cavaliers never made a game of it down the stretch.

Peja Stojakovic led Sacramento with 22 points, Mike Bibby had 19, Vlade Divac 18 and Brad Miller and Bobby Jackson each added 14.

In Minneapolis, Kevin Garnett had 25 points, 21 rebounds and six assists as Minnesota hung on to beat Milwaukee.

Newcomers Sam Cassell (18 points), Latrell Sprewell (15 points) and Michael Olowokandi (11 points, nine rebounds) helped out Garnett, as did holdover reserve Gary Trent (14 points).

Michael Redd and Desmond Mason each had 16 points for Milwaukee, playing its first game under rookie coach Terry Porter.

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Carter back with a bang as Raptors preva

TORONTO—Vince Carter scored 39 points as the Toronto Raptors opened their season with a come-from-behind 90-87 win over the defending Eastern Conference champion New Jersey Nets in NBA action on Wednesday.

Carter missed 39 games last season with various injuries as the Raptors failed to make the playoffs.

He has failed to appear in 61 games over the past two seasons due to injury, but was brilliant in the second half as the Raptors rallied after trailing by nine points at the half and by as many as 13 points in the third quarter.

Carter shot 15-for-30 from the field and made nine of 10 free throws, while Antonio Davis added 12 points and 14 rebounds.

"It feels good to have everybody healthy and on the same page," Davis said. "I think we're ready to face challenges and overcome some of the challenges we couldn't last year."

Rookie Chris Bosh added 11 points in 24 minutes for the Raptors in his debut, while Jerome Williams hauled down 14 rebounds for Toronto.

Kenyon Martin scored 26 points and added 11 rebounds for the Nets, who lost a season opener for the first time in three years.

Kerry Kittles had 13 points for the Nets while Jason Kidd had 11 points, 10 assists and five rebounds.

In Oakland, Dirk Nowitzki score
points and added 14 rebounds to lea
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Golden State Warriors.

Antoine Walker added 20 points and 1
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Clifford Robinson had 18 points and 1
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added 14 points and 19 rebounds. *Re*

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CADDIES GOLF: Valley Golf and Country Club president Manuel "Meckoy" Quigue (third from left) shakes hands with organizing committee chairman Col. Abe Villanueva after signing the contract, making the VGCC Executive Course the venue of the 15th Uratex National Caddies Championship on Nov. 25-28. Others in photo are (from left) VGCC vice president Mike Liamzon, treasurer Joe Feliciano, past president "Bobot" Marquez and organizing committee co-chairman Nanding Santos.

HARRIS CUP: General insurance company Aviva recently sealed a partnership with Rotary Club Makati-Ayala to support the 8th Paul Harris Cup, an upcoming golf tournament, which aims to raise funds and buy machines for the treatment of people suffering from kidney ailments. Shown from left are Rotary Club Makati-Ayala director Tom Pohang, general manager and CEO of Aviva Mike Gourlay and Paul Harris Cup chairman and Rotary Club Centennial president elect for 2004-05 Alberto Rosal.

Athens may bring Games to Olympic birthplace

LONDON—Organizers of the 2004 Athens Olympics are planning to bring the sporting extravaganza to Olympia, the birthplace of the ancient Games.

Officials are thrashing out the fine details of moving one event—thought to be the shot put—out of the capital and into the sleepy town before presenting the plan to the International Olympic Committee for rubber-stamping, a Greek source said on Wednesday.

"(Athens organizers) Athoc has contacted and started talks with (athletics governing body) the IAAF to move one sporting event from Athens to Olympia in order to highlight the unique nature of the Athens 2004 Olympics," he told Reuters.

The source would not say which event was being lined up for the move but the fact the IAAF is being consulted suggests it is a track and field sport.

The IAAF confirmed that Athens organizers would be visiting their headquarters in Monte Carlo next week and that a decision would be made by Wednesday.

The IOC has heard of the plan but would not comment until it was formally presented to them for approval.

If the move is sanctioned, it will be the only event—apart from soccer which is spread throughout the country—to take place outside of Athens.

When the Greek capital was awarded the Games, a major element of the successful bid was the fact that all the events would take place within the capital city.

Nestled among lush olive groves and Cypress trees, Olympia nowadays is a far cry from the bustling ancient Greek sports capital which was the site of the first Games.

The sleepy town, with its spectacular ancient Olympic stadium, track and temples, might have expected a starring role in the proceedings.

But no such role had been offered, angering Olympians.

"There is nothing happening in Olympia ahead of or during the 2004 Olympics," Olympia mayor Yannis Skoularikis told Reuters earlier this year.

"The citizens are up in arms as we, the birthplace of the Games, have no role whatsoever in the 2004 Olympics.

"Athens Games organizers (Athoc) and even the International Olympic Committee (IOC) have no role for Olympia. They come here every two years for the torch-lighting ceremony of the Summer and Winter Games and then they disappear again," he said.

"If the Games are going to carry the name of our town then we have to have the appropriate role in the world's biggest sporting event," he added. "Otherwise they should not be called the Olympics."

Olympia hosted the ancient Games every four years, from at least 776 BC until they were banned in 393 AD by the Roman Emperor Theodosius who decried them as a pagan festival.

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STA. LUCIA CUP WINNER

PHILIPPINE Racing Club Inc. president Solomon Cua awards the trophy to Midnight Lady jockey Pat Dilema for winning the main race the third edition of Sta. Lucia Racing Festival recently at the Santa Ana Park. Joining them are Sta. Lucia Realty & Development Inc. president Exequiel Robles and Royale Homes Marketing Corp. president Matild Robles. The race gained new significance with the developer's bid to promote Saddle & Clubs Leisure Park, a 576-hectare mixed-used development that features residential estate with racetrack.

Decision on Jaguar's No.2 driver still up in a

LONDON—Jaguar are in no hurry to name their second driver for 2004 despite Austrian Alexander Wurz pressing his claim to the most sought-after seat remaining in Formula One.

"We are under no immediate pressure or rush to make a decision," said a team spokesman on Thursday. "We still have about four weeks left before our winter test programme kicks off.

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Malaria kills champion chesser

CAIRO—Egypt's champion chess player and the president of the country's national team have died of cerebral malaria they contracted at the African Games in Nigeria, the state news agency Mena reported Wednesday.

Essam Ahmed Ali, 26, the country's top player, died on Monday and team boss Mohammed Labib, 60, the following day after returning from Abuja, where they participated in the games, which ran from Oct. 4 to 17.

Mohammed al-Tuni, who headed the Egyptian delegation to the games, said the two men had been hospitalized in Cairo with high temperatures and chills.

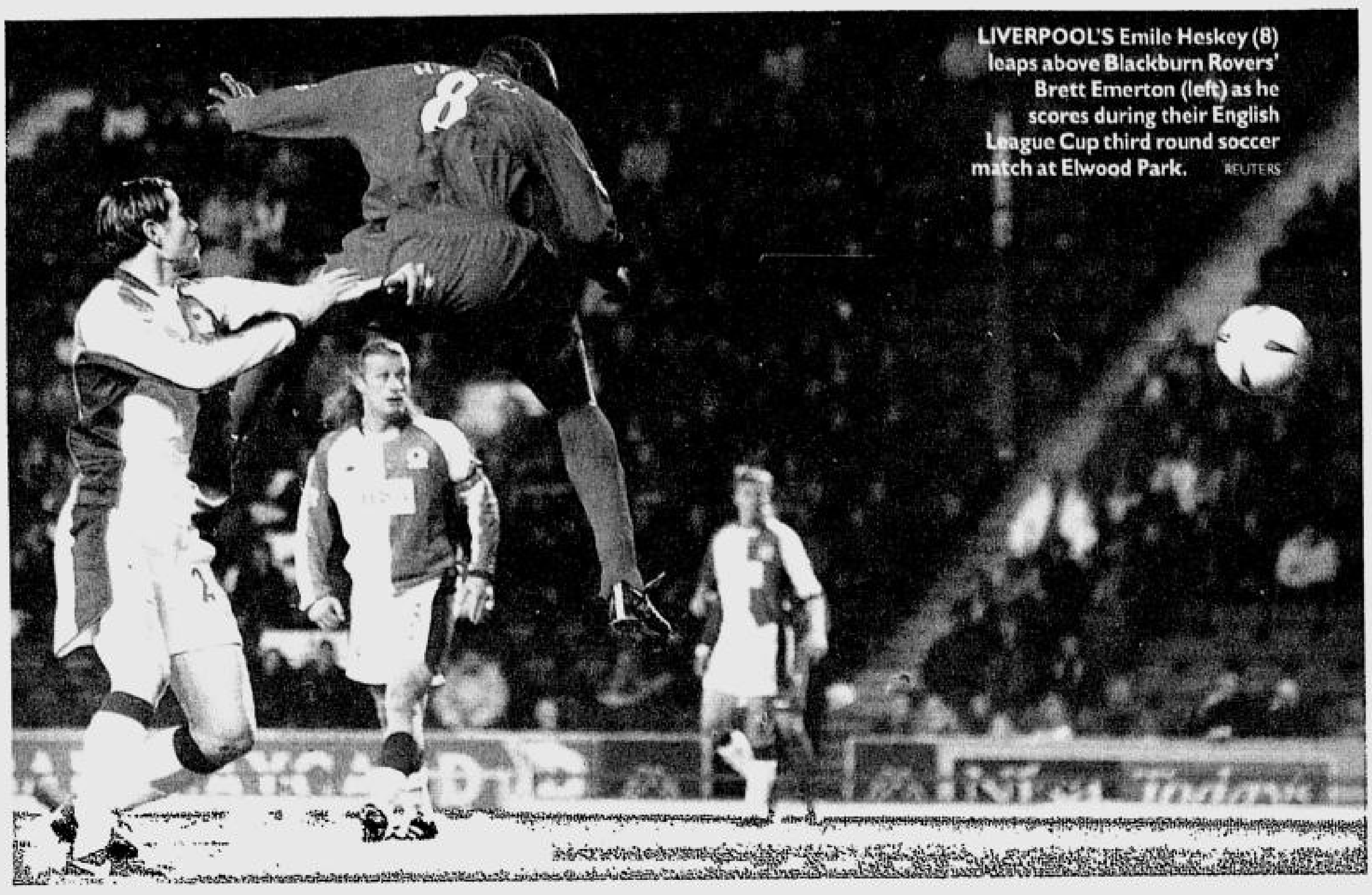
Weightlifter Mustafa Fadlun and a member of the Egyptian team's back-up staff are also in hospital being treated for the disease, Mena said.

Meanwhile, government daily Al-Ahram said chess player Ahmed Adli and his trainer, Hassan Khaled, who had also participated in the games, had been hospitalized in Greece, where they were playing in another competition.

The Egyptian authorities have asked all 600 people—athletes, administrative personnel and journalists—who had traveled to Nigeria for the games to be checked for symptoms.

Cerebral malaria is a disease of the brain that is accompanied by fever.

The mortality ratio is between 25 and 50 percent, and if a sufferer is not treated, the disease is fatal in 24 to 72 hours. *AFP*



LIVERPOOL'S Emile Heskey (8) leaps above Blackburn Rovers' Brett Emerton (left) as he scores during their English League Cup third round soccer match at Elwood Park. REUTERS

Heskey destroys 10-man Blackburn

LONDON—England striker Emile Heskey struck twice as League Cup holders Liverpool overcame 10-man Blackburn Rovers 4-3 in a see-saw match at Ewood Park on Wednesday to move into the fourth round.

Rovers paid for having defender Lucas Neill sent off against Liverpool for the second time this season and Heskey, who also missed a penalty, netted with headers after 49 and 61 minutes, both from crosses by El Hadji Diouf.

Newcastle suffered the shock of the night when they lost 2-1 at home to first division leaders West Bromwich Albion.

At Ewood Park, Neill was red-carded after he clipped the heel of Liverpool striker Florent Sinama-Pongolle to concede the 41st-minute penalty from which Danny Murphy made the score 1-1.

The Australian was sent off in Blackburn's home league defeat by Liverpool in September after he broke defender Jamie Carragher's leg with an ugly tackle.

Senegal midfielder Diouf also made Liverpool's fourth for Harry Kewell 11 minutes from the end.

Late strikes by Barry Ferguson and Dwight Yorke, who also scored the game's opening goal, flattered Rovers.

West Brom went in front through a Shola Ameobi own goal at St. James' Park before Newcastle's Laurent Robert forced extra time. But Hughes pounced in the 101st-minute to eliminate the premier league side.

Chelsea overcame second division strugglers Notts County 4-2 in an entertaining clash of the prince and the pauper at Stamford Bridge.

Icelander Eidur Gudjohnsen scored twice but County, who are in administration, fought well and Tony Barras briefly made the score 1-1 in the first half.

Spaniard Gaizka Mendieta grabbed his first goal for Middlesbrough in a 2-1 win at first division Wigan Athletic.

Bobby Zamora scored his first goal for Tottenham Hotspur their 1-0 extra time win over West Ham United of division one.

Portsmouth won 4-2 after extra time at first division Nottingham Forest and Aston Villa beat Leicester City 1-0.

Billionaire Thai PM eyes Fulham

THAKSIN

BANGKOK, Thailand—A day after being snubbed by the owner of English soccer club Fulham, Thailand's billionaire prime minister insisted Thursday he is still interested in buying the Premier League team.

Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra told reporters that he talked to Fulham owner Mohamed Al-Fayed on phone Wednesday and told him about his interest in buying Fulham.

"I talked with Al-Fayed on the phone last night about my interest in his football team," Thaksin said.

"I am interested. But whether he sells it or not is another matter and I would prefer to stop talking about this matter because it is a sensitive issue," he said.

Thaksin had disclosed Wednesday that he discussed the purchase with Al-Fayed when they were both watching the match from the stands between Fulham and Manchester United on Saturday.

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POC gives nod to Lina, PhilCycling

THE PHILIPPINE Olympic Committee (POC) has officially recognized the presidency of Air21 chairman Bert Lina and conferred its recognition to the Integrated Cycling Federation of the Philippines (ICFP) as the national association for the sport.

The transfer of recognition from the Philippine Amateur Cycling Association (Paca) to the ICFP, which will carry the moniker PhilCycling, was formalized in a letter that POC secretary general Romeo Ribano sent Lina last Wednesday.

"We are happy to advice you that the executive board of the POC . . . has approved the transfer of recognition to the ICFP from the Paca," Ribano said in the letter.

The POC also transmitted Wednesday an official communication to Union Cycliste Internationale president Hein Verbruggen informing him about the transfer of recognition to PhilCycling.

Lina, who revived the fabled Tour Pilipinas, was elected to the PhilCycling board during the balloting held last month.

Lina was eventually named president by acclamation in a meeting after the elections.

The other officers of PhilCycling are chairman Antonio Cruz, executive vice president Cornelio Padilla Jr., vice president for Luzon Col. Romeo Modelo, vice president for the Visayas Paquito Rivas, vice president for Mindanao Jojo Villa, vice president for the National Capital Region Albert Garcia, treasurer Arthur Cayabyab and auditor Carlos Gredona.

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BASKETBALL: NBA-Nuggets vs Rockets; 9 a.m. (r-7 p.m.); Hornets vs Magic; 11:30 a.m. (r-9:30 p.m.); Solar Sports; Cavs vs Suns; 11:30 a.m. (r-8:30 p.m.); Star Sports—It's all treats and no tricks this Halloween as rookie Carmelo Anthony leads Denver against Yao Ming and Houston while Baron Davis and New Orleans visit T-Mac in Orlando and LeBron James and Cleveland head to the desert in Phoenix to take on Marbury and company.

Fiba Euro 2003; 3 p.m. (r); Solar Sports—Take another look at the European qualifier for the 2004 Olympics.

NBA Inside Stuff; 4 p.m.; Star Sports—Let Ahmad Rashad and Summer Sanders update you on the latest news and features on the NBA.

BADMINTON: Philippine Badminton Tournaments; 1 p.m.; Solar Sports—See the country's best badminton players in this unique tournament.

GOLF: PGA Nationwide Championship; 6:30 p.m. (r); Star Sports—Catch the replay of the first round from Mobile, Alabama.

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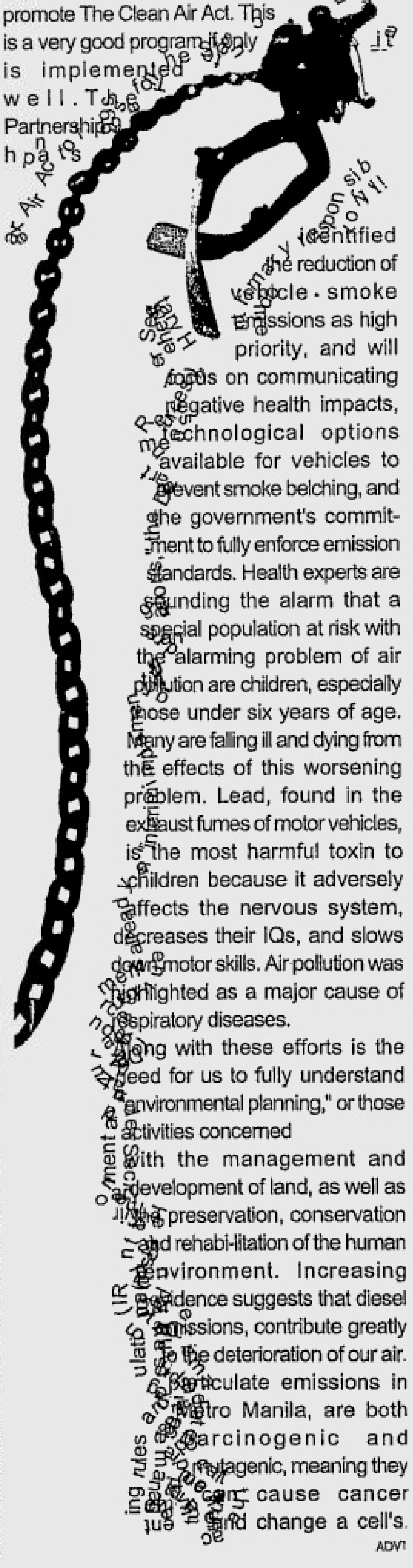

The population of Metro Manila has rapidly grown over the past three decades and now stands at 12 million. More people, more cars, more garbage, more pollution. How do we tackle the massive problem of air pollution? The first step is increased awareness of the seriousness of the problem on the part of government, citizens and industry, coupled with a dramatic plan of action. The government and the private sector have partnered to promote The Clean Air Act. This is a very good program if only it is implemented well. The Partnership has identified the reduction of vehicle smoke emissions as high priority, and will focus on communicating negative health impacts, technological options available for vehicles to prevent smoke belching, and the government's commitment to fully enforce emission standards. Health experts are sounding the alarm that a special population at risk with the alarming problem of air pollution are children, especially those under six years of age. Many are falling ill and dying from the effects of this worsening problem. Lead, found in the exhaust fumes of motor vehicles, is the most harmful toxin to children because it adversely affects the nervous system, decreases their IQs, and slows down motor skills. Air pollution was highlighted as a major cause of respiratory diseases.

Along with these efforts is the need for us to fully understand "environmental planning," or those activities concerned with the management and development of land, as well as the preservation, conservation and rehabi-litation of the human environment. Increasing evidence suggests that diesel emissions, contribute greatly to the deterioration of our air. Particulate emissions in Metro Manila, are both carcinogenic and mutagenic, meaning they can cause cancer and change a cell's

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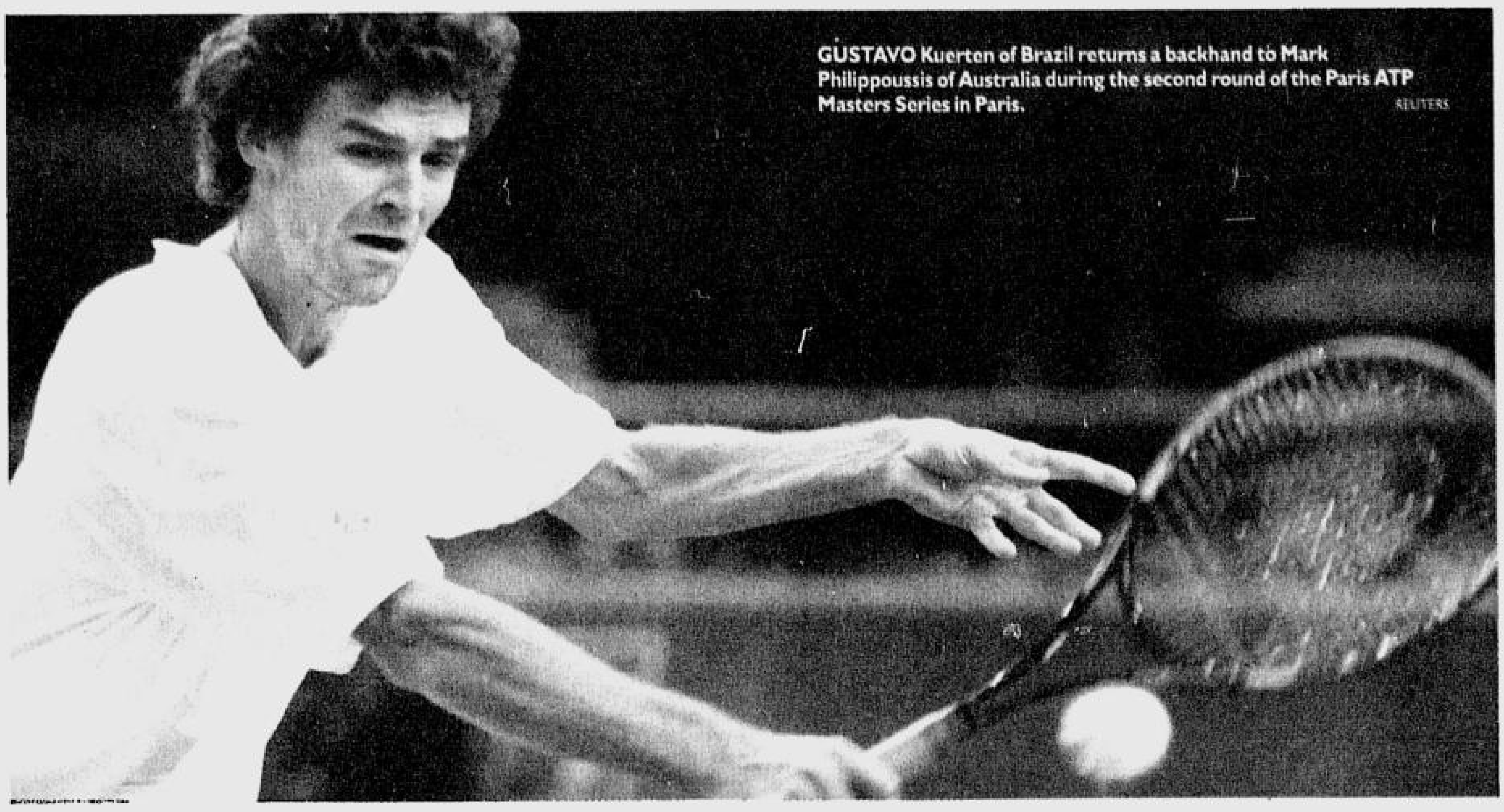


GUSTAVO Kuerten of Brazil returns a backhand to Mark Philippoussis of Australia during the second round of the Paris ATP Masters Series in Paris. REUTERS

HEARTBREAK IN PARIS

Philippousis, Grosjean out of rich Masters Cup

PARIS—Mark Philippoussis and Sebastien Grosjean saw their dreams of making it to the money-spinning Masters Cup in Houston crushed here on Wednesday when they were knocked out of the 2.45-million-euro Paris Masters at the second round stage.

Philippoussis, the Australian ninth seed, squandered five match points on his way to a 6-7 (5/7), 7-6 (13/11), 7-6 (7/1) defeat at the hands of Brazil's former world number one Gustavo Kuerten while Grosjean threw away a first set lead and went down to a 3-6, 6-4, 7-5 loss in front of his home crowd to Britain's Tim Henman.

Their defeats mean that only Thailand's Paradorn Srichaphan can now prevent Argentinian David Nalbandian from claiming the eighth and final spot in the Masters Cup next month.

Ironically, Nalbandian, who was seeded six here, pulled out of the Paris Masters earlier Wednesday having failed to recover from the wrist injury he suffered in Switzerland last week.

Now he is the overwhelming favorite to join Juan Carlos Ferrero, Andy Roddick, Roger Federer, Guillermo Coria, Andre Agassi, Carlos Moya and Rainer Schuettler in the Texas event as Paradorn would have to win here on Sunday to pip the Argentinian.

"I tried not to think about the Masters Cup," said Grosjean who had beaten Henman in the quarter-finals of Wimbledon.

"Instead I will go on holiday with my family, it will be three weeks extra."

Henman and Kuerten will now face each other on Thursday for a place in the quarterfinals.

"To beat Grosjean on his home ground, there's a certain element of revenge although I would rather have won one of the matches I lost to him at Queen's and Wimbledon," said the Briton.

Philippoussis' clash with Kuerten was dominated by service with the Australian firing down 31 aces to the Brazilian's 19 while neither man was able to carve out a single break point in the entire 2-hour-6-min match.

Philippoussis won the last time these two played here three years ago, and he had a glorious opportunity to do so again in the marathon second set tie-break but Kuerten dished up a series of devastating crosscourt winners to keep himself in contention and save five match points.

By the time of the final set tie-break, the Australian was exhausted and a lazy drop shot which sailed wide condemned his season to a finish.

To make Houston, he will have to hope that Nalbandian forfeits and that Paradorn fails to win the title here.

Wimbledon champion Roger Federer, the third seed, shrugged off a back injury to beat French qualifier Thierry Ascione 7-6 (7/5), 6-1 and he now faces French Open runner-up Martin Verkerk who beat Slovakia's Dominik Hrbaty 7-6 (7/4), 6-4.

The 22-year-old Swiss player said his build-up had been affected by a back injury he suffered during his second round defeat in Basel last week. *AFP*

De La Hoya wants one more time with Mosley

NEW YORK—Oscar De La Hoya has changed his mind.

Before fighting Sugar Shane Mosley last month, De La Hoya said he would retire if he lost. When Mosley beat him for the second time, lifting the WBA and WBC 154-pound (69.853-kilogram) titles, De La Hoya said he wasn't interested in a third fight.

Six weeks after losing the disputed decision, De La Hoya promised Wednesday to get back in the ring one more time with Mosley.

"I'm definitely going to fight again, that's for sure," he said. "I will box again. There will definitely be a rematch with Mosley."

De La Hoya was outraged by the defeat and demanded an investigation into the unanimous decision. He has since backed away from that.

"I had a lot of response from fans who said, 'You were cheated. How can this happen?'" De La Hoya said. "A decision is a decision. They can be wrong at times. People make mistakes. Nobody's perfect.

DE LA HOYA

"I landed over 150 more punches and didn't get the decision. The public knows who really won. As long as the public knows who really won, that's all that matters."

De La Hoya made the comments Wednesday during a news conference to introduce him as an Olympic boxing commentator for Telemundo Sports, the Spanish language network owned by NBC. He will also contribute to NBC's coverage of the Athens Games.

Telemundo plans more than 130 hours of programming from Athens, the first exclusively non-English language Olympic broadcast in US television history. It will be part of 806 1/2 hours of coverage from Athens, nearly double the 441 1/2 hours of NBC's coverage from Sydney in 2000.

Broadcasting is a new experience for De La Hoya, a five-time champion who recorded a pop music CD that was nominated for a Grammy in 2000 and formed his own boxing promotion company, Golden Boy Promotions, in 2001.

"The strategy is to be honest with the viewer," he said. "You cannot cheat them. You have to be honest. That's what I believe in. I want to tell the story, tell it right and make sure the viewer understands it." *AP*

Hot Singh looking for more cash

PALM HARBOR, Florida—Fiji's Vijay Singh looks to add to his lead atop the money list, while South Korean K.J. Choi returns to the site of his last PGA victory as the Chrysler Championship begins Thursday (Friday in Manila).

Singh comes off his fourth victory of the year at the Funai Classic at Disney World and has earned $6,827,507, which is $250,094 more than Tiger Woods, the winner of the money title in five of his six full seasons on tour.

The 40-year-old Singh, who resides in nearby Ponte Vedra, had never earned more than $3.8 million since making his debut on the tour in 1992.

While he can clinch the money title with a victory at the Westin Innisbrook Resort, Singh also can bolster his chances for the Player of the Year award.

Singh is one win behind Woods for the most on tour this year. Woods, who also won five events in each of the previous two years, is taking the week off before playing the season-ending Tour Championship in Houston. Last week, Woods made his 113th consecutive cut on the PGA Tour, matching the great Byron Nelson's 54-year-old record.

Ranked second in the world behind Woods, Singh fired a stellar five-under-par 67 in the final round of the Funai Classic for a four-stroke victory after beginning the day in a four-way tie for the lead.

He is seeking to become the first winner in consecutive weeks since Kenny Perry was victorious at the Colonial and The Memorial in late May-early June.

Choi did not play full time on the PGA Tour until 2000 and did not win his first tournament until May 2002 at the Compaq Classic of New Orleans.

The 33-year-old Choi was even more impressive here last year, when he set a course record with an eight-under 63 in the first round.

He became the second player in 2002 to record a wire-to-wire victory as he finished at 17-under, seven strokes better than Glen Day. *AFP*

SINGH: Leading money winner

Jones unhappy with weight loss for Tarver fight

LAS VEGAS—Roy Jones Jr. isn't a happy fighter.

A little more than a week before he fights Antonio Tarver for the light heavyweight titles he once held, Jones says he's still feeling the effects of losing enough weight to get down to 175 pounds (79.379 kg).

"It's one of the worst times I ever had," Jones said. "You sacrifice so much you want to kill somebody."

Jones has good reason to be upset. For most of his career he had little trouble making weight as he won championships from middleweight to light heavyweight.

That changed, though, when he ventured into the heavyweight ranks in March, bulking up to 193 pounds (86.85 kg) to beat John Ruiz and win the WBA portion of the heavyweight title.

Now, he has to get back down to 175 (79.379), and Jones said Wednesday it hasn't been easy. The most difficult time, he said, was getting back beneath 195 pounds (87.75 kg), but it wasn't until last week that he began feeling comfortable at his lower weight again.

"I had to run more, diet more," Jones said. "You're hungry, thirsty half the time. You're mad. You start taking out your frustrations on everybody you come across."

That could be trouble for Tarver, who won the light heavyweight titles Jones vacated when he moved to heavyweight. The two meet Nov. 8 in a scheduled 12-round fight with the WBC and IBF 175-pound (79.379-kg) titles on the line.

JONES

Jones, who will decide what to do with his heavyweight title after facing Tarver, is fighting for the first time since he won an easy decision over Ruiz to become only the second light heavyweight champion to win a heavyweight title.

He's favored to beat Tarver in a fight that has become personal to both boxers and was nearly derailed because of an impasse over whether Tarver would enter the ring last as champions traditionally do.

"I'm going to utilize his big mouth for a big target all night," Jones said. *AP*

Halladay ML's best in statistical rankings

NEW YORK—Toronto pitcher Roy Halladay was the top player in baseball this year, according to the annual statistical rankings released Wednesday by the Elias Sports Bureau.

Halladay, 22-7 with a 3.25 ERA, received a 98.476 rating on a scale of 100. Boston outfielder Manny Ramirez was second at 98.293, down from last year, when he became just the fifth player with a perfect score. Los Angeles reliever Eric Gagne was third at 97.347.

Halladay took over as the top AL starting pitcher from Oakland's Barry Zito, who dropped to second at 95.020. Zito was followed by Athletics teammates Mark Mulder (94.309) and Tim Hudson (91.565).

Ramirez was among the top three AL outfielders for the seventh time in eight seasons—he led designated hitters last year. Chicago's Magglio Ordoñez (95.122) was among the top three for the third consecutive year and New York's Bernie Williams (90.976) was in the top three for the seventh straight season.

The flaws in the system, created as part of the settlement of the 1981 strike, are evident in the rankings of AL relievers. Oakland's Keith Foulke (91.464) was first, with Boston's Byung-Hyun Kim (89.828) second and the Yankees' Mariano Rivera (88.871) third.

While Rivera was first in wins plus saves, fourth in strikeouts per walk ratio and fifth in ERA, he was 20th in relief appearances, 26th in innings and 26th in hits per nine innings.

Following the departure of Ivan Rodriguez from Texas, the Yankees' Jorge Posada (88.940) led AL catchers for the first time. Toronto's Carlos Delgado (94.737) was the top AL first baseman for the second time, the first since 2000, taking over from the Yankees' Jason Giambi.

Seattle's Bret Boone (94.180) led second basemen for the second straight season, and Texas' Alex Rodriguez (96.273) led AL shortstops for the fifth consecutive year. Oakland's Eric Chavez (88.095) was No. 1 at third for the second year in a row.

Seattle's Edgar Martinez (87.500) was the top designated hitter.

Ivan Rodriguez (86.842) took over from Paul Lo Duca at catcher, and Colorado's Todd Helton (95.217) led at first base for the fourth straight season. Montreal's Jose Vidro (91.705) replaced Jeff Kent at second base, and Edgar Renteria of the Cardinals (84.341) took over from Rich Aurilia at shortstop. St. Louis teammate Scott Rolen (92.381) led third basemen for the second straight year. *AP*

Marathoners denounce use of new steroid

NEW YORK—American long distance runner Marla Runyan denounced the use of the new designer steroid THG, and urged stiff penalties for any athletes who test positive for it.

"I hope that those who are found guilty face the consequences," Runyan, 34, said at a press conference Wednesday in the run-up to Sunday's New York City Marathon. "It sends a negative message about all US athletes. I think only a minority use it, and the majority are clean and train hard."

Runyan is a five-time Paralympics gold medalist and in 2000 became the first Paralympian to compete in the Olympics.

She set the US indoor 5,000-meter record of 15:07.33 in New York in 2001.

She finished fifth in this year's Boston Marathon and fourth in last year's New York City Marathon.

While Runyan said she still believed the majority of athletes were competing without doping, she acknowledged that the furor surrounding the recently discovered steroid tetrahydrogestrinone had "created a suspicion on all US athletes."

The US Food and Drug Administration confirmed on Tuesday that THG is a synthetic steroid and not a nutritional supplement. *AFP*

Pacquiao brings some heat on favored Barrera

By Rey Danseco
Contributor

MANNY Pacquiao may be the underdog in his coming encounter with Marco Antonio Barrera, but the Filipino champion is no push-over in the opinion of most credible and widely read boxing news website in the world.

The Sacramento, California's BoxingTalk.com indicated in its latest cartoon titled "Will Pac-Man Bring Some Heat To The Featherweight King" that Pacquiao has a huge chance to dethrone Barrera as the "People's Featherweight champion."

Veteran American cartoonist Gabe McIntosh depicted the 24-year-old Filipino nicknamed by American boxing writers "Pacman" and "Destroyer" as a flaming dragon with claws, wings and fangs and posed to stalk the smaller Mexican who has his sword and shield in both hands.

The 29-year-old Barrera, who stands on a rocky ground, was also portrayed with a gold crown and in silver armor and cape.

"The idea is Pacman, represented by the flaming Asian-style dragon, is looking to steal the featherweight king's crown," said McIntosh in a telephone interview yesterday.

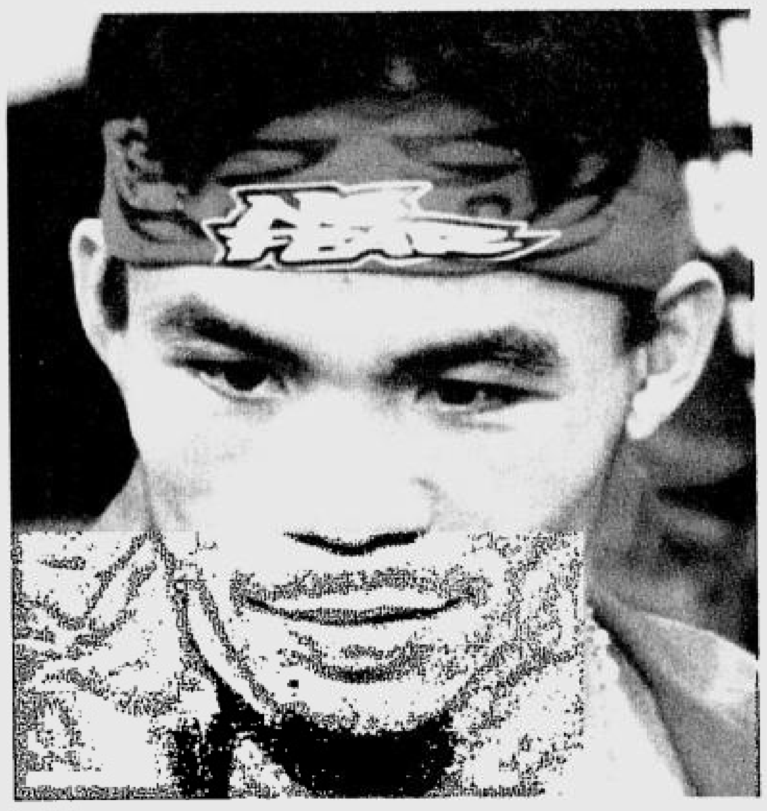
"The fire symbolizes PAC's knockout power and the pressure he brings. While Marco's shield and sword represent his boxing ability and power," he said.

The scattered treasures—gleaming coins and jewels—behind Barrera, McIntosh explained, are the huge money involved which becomes one of the factors or motivations for them to win.

The Barrera-Pacquiao rumble, considered the biggest boxing event in San Antonio in a decade and will be televised by the Home Box Office (HBO), will take place on Nov. 15 at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas.

While Pacquiao's IBF super-bantamweight crown isn't on the line in the scheduled 12-round showdown, Barrera's reputation as the best featherweight in the world will be at stake.

· The taller and more experienced Barrera is considered the best at the 126-lb division in the world following his victories against Naseem Hamed, Erik Morales and Kevin Kelley.


PACQUIAO

REIGNING WBC International champ Randy Mangubat (left) with manager Yuki Murayama (center) and WBC champ Pongsaldek Wongjongkam last June in Thailand.

Mangubat going for Gabi's chin in title clash

By Salven L. Lagumbay
Contributor

REIGNING World Boxing Council International flyweight kingpin Randy Mangubat is going for a swift and decisive victory over challenger Diosdado "Prince" Gabi in their title fight on Nov. 9 in Kidapawan City.

Mangubat, a veteran banger who sports a 31-18-11 win-loss-draw card with 14 KOs, vowed to go for Gabi's chin from the opening bell of their scheduled 12-round clash in the San Miguel Corp.-backed "Encuentro" card at the North Cotabato Provincial gymnasium.

"*Sa panga ko siya titirahin. Di ko siya uurungan. Matira ang matibay* (I'm going for his chin. I'm not backing down. Let's see who's tough)," said Mangubat, who has already logged 100 rounds of sparring in preparation for Gabi.

The bullstrong Mangubat spars with Kid Orais, Elmer Muyco, Roberto Moreno and Joven Jorda. He trains under Lando Espinosa, brother of former world champ Luisito Espinosa.

Gabi trains in Kidapawan City and works out against sparmates Pedro Malco and Alfren Bulala.

Philippine junior lightweight king Bobby Pacquiao tangles with Colorado-based Arnick Arabala, a Fil-Am slugger, in the main supporting bout.

Adamson five eyes NBL semis

THE NATIONAL Basketball League got a big boost with the entry of Adamson University-Grachiya, adding a new dimension to the quality of competition in the ongoing Panasonic-NBL Regional Cup 2003.

The Falcons, mentored by Luigi Trillo, is being backed by one of the long-time staunch supporters of amateur basketball, The International Pharmaceutical Inc. (IPI), carrying the colors of its new product Grachiya Health Drink.

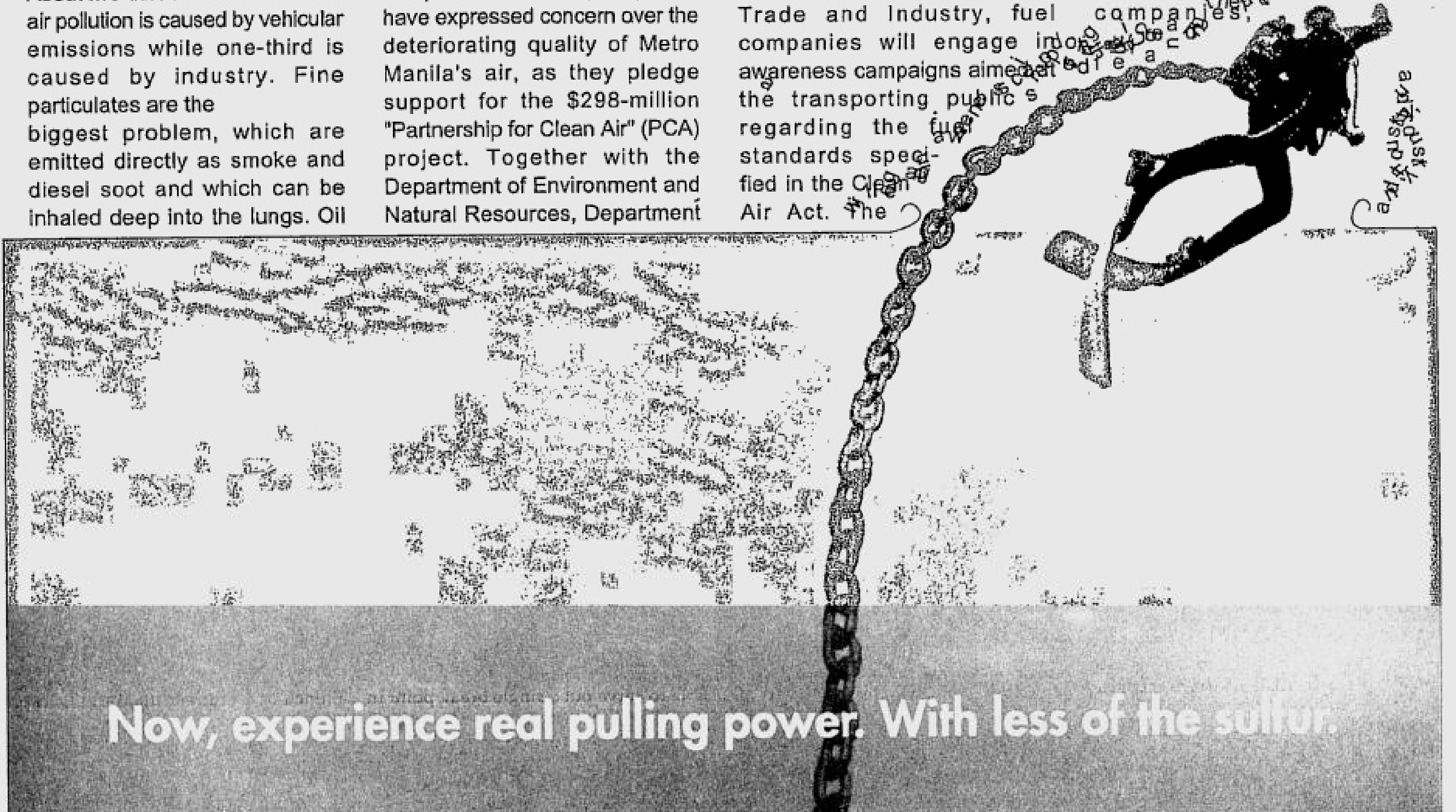
IPI had been in basketball since 1985, making basketball history through Casino Rubbing Alcohol. IPI president and CEO Pio Castillo Sr. and COO Junpee Castillo were just happy to tie up with Adamson on the company's debut in the NBL.

"We were actually looking into the possibility of joining the NBL, sees the big potential of its regional competition. And we're lucky that Adamson was then looking for a corporate sponsor. I believe this partnership will go a long way, knowing that the Adamson Falcons have a strong potential as future champion," said Castillo Sr.

Trillo admitted he's excited on his first stint as head coach in a commercial amateur league.

The air we breathe and the city we live in

About two-thirds of Metro Manila's air pollution is caused by vehicular emissions while one-third is caused by industry. Fine particulates are the biggest problem, which are emitted directly as smoke and diesel soot and which can be inhaled deep into the lungs. Oil companies and transport groups have expressed concern over the deteriorating quality of Metro Manila's air, as they pledge support for the $298-million "Partnership for Clean Air" (PCA) project. Together with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Department of Energy, and Department of Trade and Industry, fuel companies will engage in awareness campaigns aimed at the transporting public regarding the fuel standards specified in the Clean Air Act. The transporting public includes motor companies,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Natividad heads Toby's badminton q'final cast

MARK Alvin Natividad outlasted JB Villamedez, 10-15, 15-5, 15-3, yesterday to reach the boys' 18-under quarterfinals in the Toby's Age-Group Badminton Championships at the La Salle-Greenhills gym.

Natividad will next face Jerry Espiritu, who scored a 15-13, 15-8 victory over Ace Jefferson Paraiso.

In other matches, Rhaul Angeles downed Arjay Aduyan, 15-1, 15-2, to advance against Michael Paclibar, a 15-4, 15-2 winner over Ralph Mancenido; Wilmer Frias defeated Jay Hernandez, 15-0, 15-4, to gain against Pierre Arden Pantig, who beat ERSario, 15-2, 15-6 and Ericden Dionisio blanked Robert Altamirano, 15-0, 15-0, to move up against Marlon Villarin, who won by default over Gil Melendez.

In the boys' 16-under singles division, Stanley Macaspac defeated Rovie Crisostomo, 15-11, 15-9, Jaime Vittorio Garduce conquered Romyboy Punongbayan, 15-12, 15-9, and Andrew Romualdez prevailed over Rafael Salamat, 15-12, 15-9, to join Kevin Ting Ang, Winston Aquillo, Renz Gesmundo, Mark Dominic Palmares, Jeffrey Licuanan, Jose Miguel Manzanares, Jobett Co, Ericden Dionisio, Leodegario Pasakdal, Gabriel Villanueva, Dale Moldogo, Rhafael Angeles and Kevin Dalisay in the fourth round of this week-long event sponsored by Adidas, Carlton, Wilson, RSL, Prince, Gosen, KFC, SM Shoemart, 103.5 K-lite, Taraflex and the Philippine Daily Inquirer.

Booking third-round berths in the girls' 16-under singles category were Maiqui Laurel, Camille Bautista, Jaymee Ann Ubalde, R. Pollante, Princess Caduan, Annalyn Cerrera, Celia Olorvida, Samantha Huang, Jertie Kagalingan, Regina Reyes, Mandy Fillart, Karen Navea, Toni Rose Magallanes Jean Pearl Go, Yvette Ericka Wong and Jemelee Vicencio.

In the girls' singles 14-under class, Janina Marie Paredes outclassed Jessica Tantengko, 11-0, 11-2, Karyn Velez demolished Diomalyn Dayao, 11-0, 11-1, Carla Jenina Lizardo clobbered Ma. Chona Medina, 11-5, 11-1, Lina Denise Encarnancion whipped Jennilyn Ebin, 11-0, 11-1 and Chrissie Torres trounced Lea Tamis, 11-2, 11-0, to reach the third round.

Other winners were Joanne Pascual over Elisha Palomares, 11-2, 11-0, Jackelyn Cudia over Monea Ann Pascual, 11-2, 11-4, Rochelle Ann Reyes over Nina Rebecca Ramos, 11-7, 11-3, Michelle Victoria Santiago over Veronica Francisco, 11-4, 11-4, Mia Angela Villarin over Katrina De Guzman, 11-1, 11-0, Jamila Fatima Cruz over Anna Marie Hembra, 11-0, 11-1, Princess Jeaneth Dionisio over Jacqueline Rivera, 11-8, 11-2 and E. Cuevas over Rachani Patelo, 11-3, 11-6.

Booking fourth-round berths in the boys' 14-under singles category were Kevin Dalisay, Miguel Chan, Jeffre Arellano, Philip Mendoza, Dann Joezer Concepcion, Ronel Estanislao, Renz Marion Vivas, Patrick Magnaye, Rhaymarck Angeles, James Roman, Bryan Bermudes, JD Tuason, Gerard Certeza and Adman Pagsanjan.

In the boys' 12-under division, Lorenzo Regondola downed Richard dela Cruz, 15-13, 15-11, Ryan Khristopher David defeated Ron Magno, 15-6, 15-6, Jimpo Berba trounced Mhel Jerome Deloso, 15-6, 15-5, and John Gregg Paz beat Joseph Paredes, 15-6, 15-6, to advance in the second round.

Gaining second-round slots in the unisex 10-under class were Ivan Angsico, Christian Patrick Villaviza, John Carlo Cagonoc, John Salvador Banquilles, Bruce Go, Ralph Lao, Kenneth del Mundo, Antonio Mari Villarin, Al Craven Chan, Rhoniel Hernandez, Kevin Ponciano, Keiffer Jordan Reyes, Edrick Lacson, MC Sulsia and Daniel Castañeda.

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Juniors

ORGANIZERS and National team standouts hit the ceremonial serves at the launch of the First Toby's Junior Badminton Championships at the La Salle Greenhills in San Juan. From left, tournament organizer Dina Guerrero, RP's No. 1 ranked men's player Kennevic Asuncion, Toby's Sports president Jojo Claudio, La Salle Greenhills president Bro. Bernie Oca, and top-ranked women's player Kennie Asuncion.

Anton sparks MP Turbo romp

RED Horse Beer-Gulf Oil-MP Turbo Racing Team assured itself of the premier National Touring Car Championship of the 2003 Casino Filipino Grand Prix Series after earning its 10th win in 12 races recently at the Batangas Racing Circuit.

Carlos Anton, considered as one of the country's best saloon car drivers, led the mighty romp that settled the issue for the coveted plum with still two more races to go.

The successful campaign came on the heels of a tragic fire that completely burned down the MP Turbo racing shop facilities in Pasay.

"This must have been my most memorable and hardest race ever," said Anton. "We never thought we will get the car ready for the race after the big accident but the team did a very good job and we were still able to win the race. My hats off to the MP Turbo team and we can now celebrate!"

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$1B IN AMERICAN INVESTMENTS

RP assured of Opic insurance cover

By Clarissa S. Batino

THE OVERSEAS Private Investment Corp. has assured the Philippine government that insurance cover will definitely be extended to $1 billion worth of American investments in Philippine bonds, transport and utility projects, Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho said.

Camacho said the government was informed by Opic, a development agency of the US government, that the insurance cover was already approved in principle and that the facility "will be made available."

The assurance addresses concerns over the delay in the implementation of projects and plans that are awaiting the approval of the Opic guarantee.

"The delay was due to some internal policy issues within Opic and has nothing to do with the Philippines," Camacho explained.

Earlier, Philippine Ambassador to the US Albert del Rosario said that about $1 billion worth of American investments had been put on hold because of hitches in obtaining the insurance cover from Opic.

Among those awaiting the Opic guarantee are the multi-million-dollar bond float of National Power Corp., the IOU offering of the Pag-Ibig Fund, the bond float of Manila Light Railways and Transit Corp., the bond issuance of Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System and about $250 million worth of projects applied for guarantee with the Philippine Export-Import Credit Agency.

Camacho said PhilEXIM had approved the other day a guarantee for the $3-million expansion of Cyber City, a company operating a call center facility in the Clark Air Base.

PhilEXIM is a state-owned financial institution primarily tasked to assist the export sector by providing guarantees, lending, credit, insurance and other enhancements that would make domestic firms more competitive.

PhilEXIM president Joel Valdez said of the $250 million worth of guarantee, $200 million will go to the wafer fabrication facility of Sun Power Phils.

This project involves the production of solar cells for export.

Sun Power is an affiliate of California-based Cypress Semiconductor Corp.

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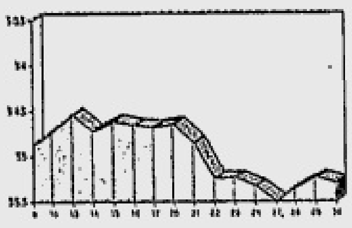

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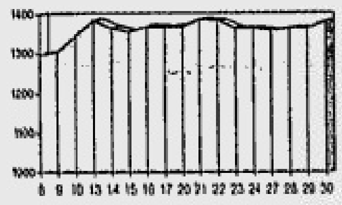

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Shares close 1.2% higher

SHARE prices closed 1.20 percent higher yesterday, with investors moving into blue chips led by telecom firms, which are expected to report impressive profits for the three months to September, dealers said.

Investors are also seen taking positions ahead of a possible year-end rally, particularly in stocks that will likely benefit from a boost in consumer spending during the Christmas season, they said.

The Philippine Stock Exchange composite index put on 16.42 points at 1,381.24, its high for the day.

Turnover fell to 117.05 million shares worth P267.26 million from 219.48 million shares worth P495.8 million on Wednesday.

Gainers led losers 26 to 12, with 31 stocks unchanged.

The all-shares index was up 6.41 points at 837.89.

The commercial-industrial index rose 23.50 to 2,022.70, while property gained 10.16 to 621.30.

Mining was up 83.10 at 1,737.23. Oil was unchanged at 1.29.

Banking and financial services rose 3.20 to 438.20.

Dealers noted that despite lingering political tension arising from the House of Representatives' attempt to impeach Supreme Court chief justice Hilario Davide, the market managed to hold support above the 1,362-point level.

"Despite the political rumblings, the market has seen strong support above 1,362 amid optimism ahead of third quarter results especially, of telecom companies," said Rommel Macapagal of Westlink Global Equities.

"Investors are also looking forward to a year-end rally on the back of increased consumer spending from November to December," he said.

Members of the House of Representatives on Wednesday agreed to impeach Davide when the session resumes on November 10, despite a court order blocking the move.

Davide is the country's fifth highest official and analysts warn his impeachment could spark a constitutional crisis.

Philippine Long Distance Telephone (PLDT) was top traded, closing P30 higher at P755, followed by Globe Telecom, which added P5 at P780.

PLDT president Manuel Pangilinan has said that the firm was likely to book new provisions in the third quarter, but will nevertheless end the year with a net profit well within its own nine to 10 billion peso target.

Analysts polled by AFX-Asia financial news meanwhile said that Globe was expected to report a net profit of P1.6 billion to P2.6 billion for the third quarter to September. *AFP*

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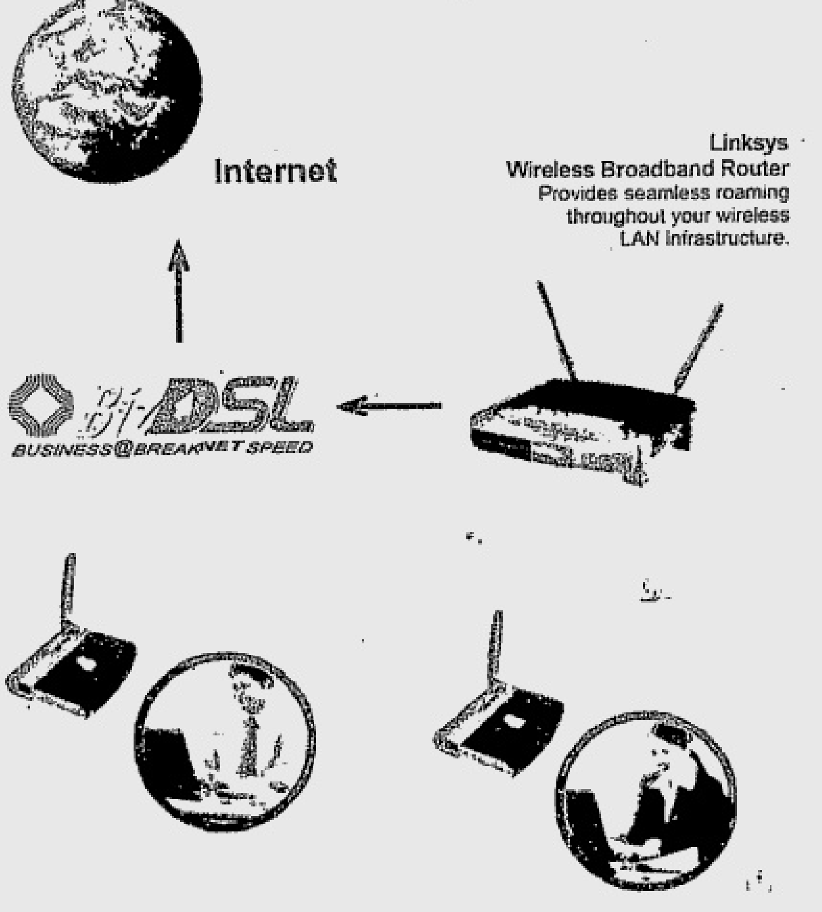

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RP bid rates rise

BID rates for Philippine debt papers inched up on Thursday on expectations the government's planned sale of up to P20 billion of retail bonds next month will mop up market liquidity.

Traders said bid rates for debt papers with maturities of up to five years rose by another five to 10 basis points.

"The appetite is in the longer-end with the 7 to 10-year paper getting good bids. The short-end is being pushed higher because that's where the retail bonds are coming from," a dealer said.

The government said it will offer either a three-year or five-year retail bond in November to help plug its fiscal shortfall. *Reuters*

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Investments of Variable Life Insurance Contracts	Current Week October 28, 2003	Last Week October 21, 2003
Bond Fund - Peso	1.11742	1.12074
Managed Fund - Peso	1.14542	1.15083
Bond Fund - US Dollar	0.9840	0.99330

* Note: These investments of variable life insurance contracts are not mutual funds. Life insurance products are regulated by the Insurance Commission

Most banks not keen on pursuing key governance reforms, says ICD

By Elena R. Torrijos

BANKS have shown lukewarm interest in pursuing corporate governance reforms as all but two of the 22 commercial banks that went through a mandated self-assessment of their governance systems have declined to voluntarily participate in a second assessment round.

"They say it's not on top of their priority list," said Jonathan Juan Moreno, executive director of The Institute of Corporate Directors, in a press briefing yesterday.

Moreno attributed the banks' lack of interest to fears that good corporate governance would put a stop to some banking practices that banks have become used to.

"Some also view it as a tool of the West to buy out businesses in the East," Moreno said.

Moreno recalled a conversation he had with one top bank official, which reflected the general lack of willingness to embrace corporate governance reforms.

"Forget about enrolling my (board) directors," the official said.

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas last year required all bank directors to attend a training and orientation course on corporate governance so that the directors could continue serving in their respective bank boards.

In the conduct of that course, ICD, one of about nine accredited corporate governance training organizations, asked the directors to complete a questionnaire on corporate governance principles.

The overall scores of the 22 medium to large-sized respondent commercial banks showed that actual corporate governance practice among the banks was far from ideal.

Immediate action was seen as necessary in the following areas: board empowerment and performance review, strengthening audit committees, professionalizing risk management committee and ensuring an ethical culture.

Meanwhile, ICD chief operating officer Gil Gonzales said that five banks—Bank of Commerce, Development Bank of the Philippines, Philippine Bank of Communications, Philippine National Bank and Planters Bank—have agreed to enroll their board directors in a course that would qualify them as ICD associates.

Majority of the country's banks, however, were still not ready to subject their board directors to further corporate governance training at this time and would likely need to be prodded by regulators, Gonzales said.

PSE welcomes SEC proposal on day trades

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE PHILIPPINE Stock Exchange has welcomed a proposal by the Securities and Exchange Commission to strengthen regulations on single-day trades in the local bourse.

In an interview with the INQUIRER, PSE president Ernest Leung said the SEC's plan to impose cash deposit requirements on single-day trade transactions could be effective in terms of risk management for brokers.

"In India, they have interest-free deposit requirements for trading purposes and the brokers are allowed to have 8.5 times multiple for certain securities," Leung said.

This multiple means that if an investor puts in P100,000, he can trade up to P850,000 worth of stocks in a single trade session.

The Indian model, he noted, was based on the Basle-based Bank for International Settlements' blueprint for capital adequacy of banks.

Single-day trading refers to the practice of buying and selling shares in a single trading session, with the investors settling their accounts at the end of the day.

At present, day traders in the PSE do not shell out cash as they buy and sell securities within a single day, unlike in the United States where their counterparts are required to put up cash deposits.

Leung said imposing regulations similar to those proposed by the SEC were now the trend in various exchanges across the globe.

PCI Leasing to issue STCPs worth ₱100M

By Elena R. Torrijos

THE SECURITIES and Exchange Commission has approved PCI Leasing and Finance Inc.'s application to register P100 million worth of short-term commercial papers.

The publicly listed leasing company, a unit of Equitable PCI Bank, plans to use half of the gross proceeds for relending and the other half to pay for maturing obligations.

Philippine Rating Services Corp., affiliated with Standard & Poor's, has assigned a rating of PRS1 on the STCPs.

Philrating said that the relatively small amount of STCPs should be well within PCILF's ability to pay in one year given the leasing company's earning capability, level of receivables, cash level, capitalization structure and available credit facilities.

The SEC said that except for the return on equity ratio, PCILF met all the standard financial ratios set by the Commission.

The leasing firm's return on equity ratio average for 2000 to 2002 stood at 7.43 percent, less than a percentage point shy of the 8 percent requirement but its ratio of net profit margin of 40.26 percent, an alternative ratio, far exceeded the required 3 percent level.

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas said it had no objection to the registration statement of PCILFC provided that the total number of its lenders should not exceed 19 since it had no quasi-banking authority.

PCILF is principally engaged in providing leasing and financing products to commercial clients. It also provides loans to select individuals, primarily through its employee personal loans product.

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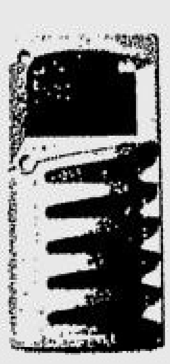

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Green card crackdown

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Victor C. Agustin

THE DAYS of green card holders who slip out of the United States and overstay in the Philippines are over.

Starting Dec. 31, all visitors entering and leaving US airports and seaports will be photographed and fingerprinted as part of the post-9/11 security measures Washington has imposed. And by 2005, even the Canadian and Mexican border points will be biometric-ready.

"Initially, we will capture biometrics from visitors with non-immigrant visas regardless of country of origin," the US Department of Homeland Security announced. "However,...the program may be expanded in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, in order to meet national needs."

Even before the Dec. 31 deadline, US immigration authorities have already been electronically collecting arrival and departure manifests from airlines and vessels from First World countries whose citizens do not require visas to enter the United States.

Before the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, US citizens and immigrants leaving America were not required to file departure cards, unlike in the Philippines and many other countries.

This arrangement allowed Filipino green card holders to request sympathetic Philippine immigration agents not to stamp any arrival entry on their passports; the stamping is done later, with the fictional arrival date always falling within the six-month window that the US green card holder is allowed to be away from the US soil.

The loophole thus enabled US green card holders of Filipino origin to work and stay for an indefinite period in their land of birth.

But with the terrorist attacks, new and tougher immigration laws now require electronic manifests and I-94 forms for arrivals and departures to be submitted in advance to be reconciled with actual passenger departures.

With more stringent measures in place, the current tactic now for green card holders who still want to play the game is to write down Philippine Airlines or other Asian airlines as the carrier together with the fictitious Philippine arrival date, as apparently the electronic submission of passenger manifests have yet to cover non-American airlines.

Baguio's hidden agenda

UNKNOWN to many shareholders who signed the management-issued proxies without the attached discussion/background materials, the current board of the Baguio Country Club will push for the conversion of the club into a non-stock, non-profit corporation in next month's stockholders' meeting.

To pursue its scheme, the BCC board—led by chair Rep. Rodolfo Albano, president Federico Agcaoili and lawyers Victoria de los Reyes and Lorna Kapunan—has even gone to the extent of suing Chair Lilia Bautista and the Securities and Exchange Commission before the Court of Appeals.

One effect of the conversion is that current BCC shareholders can no longer bequeath their shares to their children/heirs, their shareholdings having then been converted into non-transferable membership certificates. (With the conversion, a certificate may technically still be transferred, but the membership may not.)

Heard through the grapevine

EXPORT Zone director-general Lilia de Lima is trying to find a win-win solution between Cavite authorities and Intel over the US microchip giant's alleged real estate deficiency with the province.

The formula involves offsetting Intel's real estate liabilities into tax incentives in exchange for Intel expanding its multi-billion-peso plant's capacity in General Trias, Cavite.

Intel's alleged tax liabilities are said to have ballooned to P132 million, a figure that the US multinational, one of the largest exporters in the country, is disputing.

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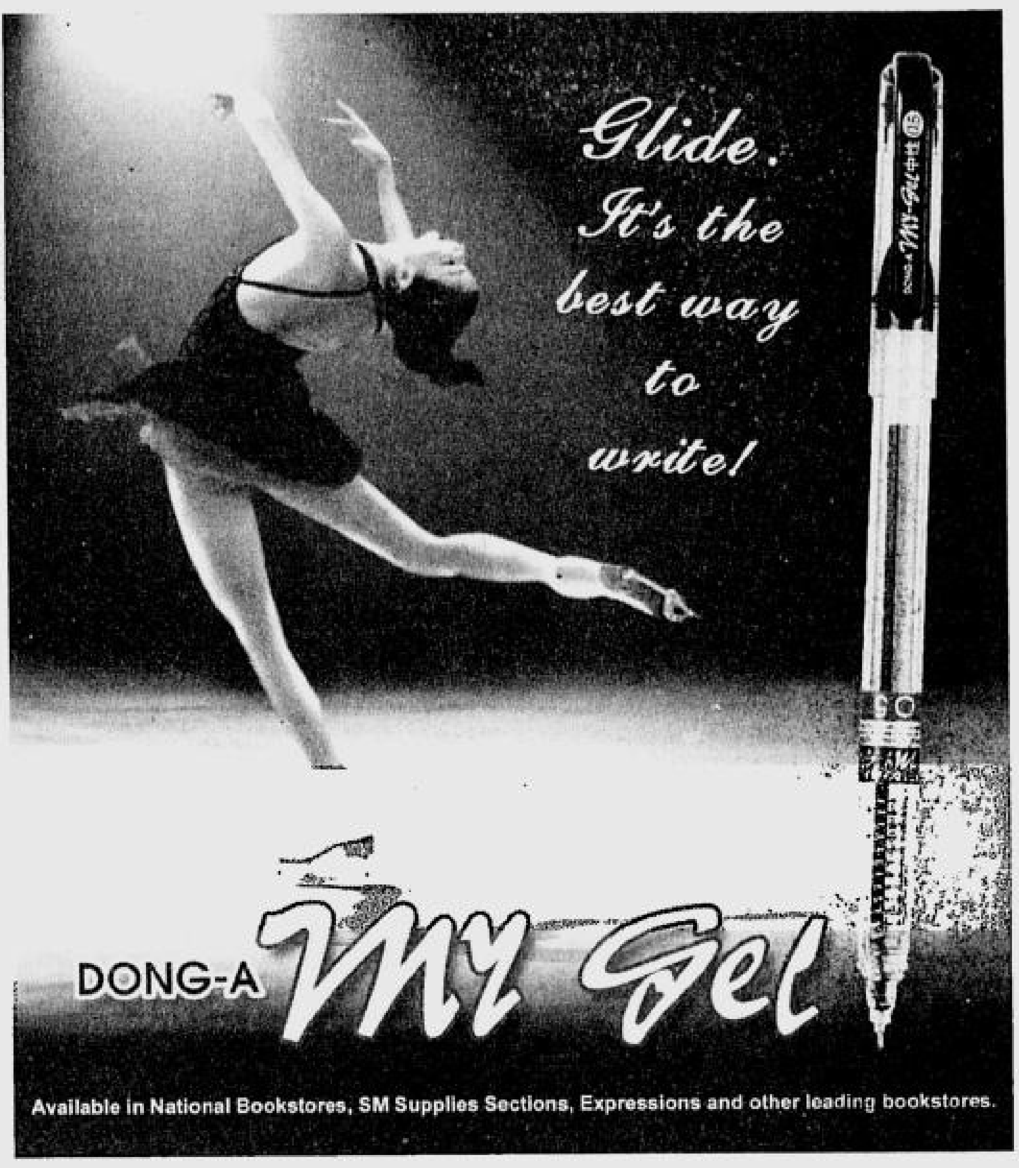
Case vs Malampaya group filed

DUTCH contractor Allseas Marine Contractors SA has filed an arbitration case in the Hague against the Malampaya natural gas project consortium, seeking $32.8 million in additional payment for its completed pipeline work.

In a disclosure to the Philippine Stock Exchange yesterday, consortium partner PNOC Exploration Corp. which owns a 10-percent stake in the project known as Service Contract 38, said the claims covered the cost of additional work and materials for the 504-kilometer submarine natural gas pipeline which extends from Malampaya in offshore Palawan to Tabangao, Batangas.

"The claim is disputed by the SC 38 consortium partners and arbitration is ongoing in Rotterdam in accordance with the rules of the National Arbitration Institute in the Hague," said PNOC-EC corporate secretary Elpidio Gamboa Jr.

Doris C. Dumlao



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"When Thames first opened its doors in 1999, people were skeptical because they were unfamiliar with the twinning program. By having graduated our first batch of Thames students in the U.K., we have proven our systems works".

"But the real winners are the students themselves and their parents who sacrificed being away from each other for a year", Mr. Santos continues. And the sacrifice is definitely not for naught.

Jojan Juson who finished from Portsmouth University has been hired prior to her graduation by a new Metrobank subsidiary company in London. Jenny Ong, also from Portsmouth now says that she feels so globally competitive and ready to face the world. Most parents who have apprehensions regarding "letting go" of their children has this to hear from Mark Seng (BA Marketing from Middlesex University): Studying abroad has opened my mind. I stopped limiting myself."

Of course, preparing financially is also a factor. However, the cost of studying the first two years at Thames is comparable to major universities in the Philippines such as Ateneo and La Salle. The only time you pay the tuition fees abroad is in the last 1 – 2 years. Thames successfully cut the cost of obtaining a foreign degree in half through its unique "twinning" program. As the biggest institution in the Philippines that offers a foreign undergraduate degree, Thames' system works by letting students take their first two years locally, and finish the final 1-2 years in any of the affiliate universities in the U.K., Australia, Canada, New Zealand, or the U.S.

Ramon Juson, father of Jojan Juson relates that they weren't sure if they could afford her U.K. tuition. But seeing the need for global competitiveness as thoroughly explained to them during Thames' pre-enrollment seminar, they brought their family resources together—giving it all. Now they've got a world-class professional for a daughter, and a first honors graduate at that.

Mrs. Sonia Lampa, mother of Eleazar Lampa (BS Business IT, Portsmouth University) says: "It is every parent's dream to see his or her child finish college, and our son even did it with honors. A good education is really the best legacy we can give our children".

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Pagcor putting up casino in San Lazaro Leisure Park

By Doris C. Dumlao

MANILA Jockey Club Inc. has closed a deal with state-owned gaming monopoly Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. to host a casino in its San Lazaro Leisure Park in Carmona, Cavite.

The establishment of a casino, which will be located at the third floor of the Turf Building, will bring in fresh rental revenues for MJIC.

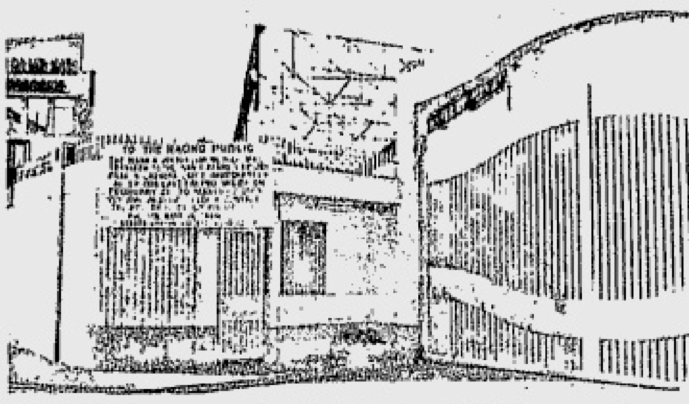
Earlier, MJIC segregated a four-hectare lot out of the 16-hectare property in San Lazaro, Manila for conversion into a shopping area while the racetrack operation is being relocated to Cavite. It later clinched a multi-billion-peso deal with local retail giant SM Prime Holdings of Henry Sy Sr., giving the latter the right to develop and put up a shopping mall in the area.

The company has now set a stock rights offering to fund the development of a new horse racetrack in its 77-hectare San Lazaro Leisure Park. At the same time, MJIC is negotiating for a possible joint venture with Century Communities for the development of about 18 hectares of the Carmona property into an upscale residential subdivision.

The rights offering, which will be issued at P1 for every share held, will be accompanied by a 20-percent stock dividend which will entitle stockholders to 1/5 share for every share held.

To accommodate the proposed rights offering and the issuance of dividends, MJIC will raise its authorized capital stock to P500 million from P300 million.

To enhance the development of its real estate property, MJIC will transfer its non-core assets to a qualified company through a property-share swap. MJIC is now scouting for a solvent listed company to which it will transfer its non-core assets, but the swap should result in its 90-percent ownership of the company.



THE MAIN entrance to the Manila Jockey Club's leisure park. JOAN BONDOC

AEV reports ₱1.86B in profit

By Doris C. Dumlao

ABOITIZ Equity Ventures Inc. posted P1.86 billion in net profit in the first nine months of the year, 3.1 percent better than its net take in the same period last year, as yields from its banking and transportation interests offset the slowdown in the power business.

For the third quarter alone, its net earnings stood at P681 million or 4.5 percent higher than the comparable period in 2002, the company disclosed yesterday.

Aboitiz Power Corp., the holding company for the group's power investments, still accounted for the bulk of the AEV profit with P1.27 billion in contribution from January to September 2003. This, however, stood 8.1 percent lower than its contribution in the same period last year.

AEV's banking subsidiaries grew by 88.5 percent in earnings contribution, turning in P736 million in the first three quarters of this year. Its two banking units are Union Bank of the Philippines and City Savings Bank.

The group's transport concern registered a 600-percent growth in earnings for the first nine months of this year, reflecting AEV's increased investments in local shipping giant William Gothong & Aboitiz. The Aboitiz group bought out the Chiongbian and Gothong families from the shipping line. The transport group's earnings contribution to AEV surged to P190 million from only P27 million in the first three quarters of 2002.

Security Bank, BPI post hefty profit increases

By Elena R. Torrijos

BANK of the Philippine Islands, the country's second largest lender, yesterday reported that it had posted a net income of P1.57 billion in the third quarter of this year. This was 20 percent higher than the P1.3 billion in the same period last year.

In a statement, BPI said the higher profit was stemmed from a P299-million or 6-percent improvement in revenues together with a P162-million or 5-percent savings in operating expenses.

In another development, Security Banking Corp., a medium-sized universal bank owned largely by the family of businessman Frederick Dy, said its income in the first nine months of the year amounted to P549 million or 33 percent higher than the P413 million it posted in the same period last year.

Security Bank president Rafael Simpao Jr. said the bank's income performance was the result of higher net margins from favorable yields on earning assets and to the efficient management of funding costs.

BPI's net interest income was up P382 million or 12 percent despite the P143 million in additional cost arising from the value-added tax. Net interest margin widened by 46 basis points.

BPI's insurance unit more than doubled its profit over the previous year but its gains were negated by the shortfall in other categories of income.

On a year to date basis, the bank's net income as of September stood at P4.2 billion, 6 percent ahead of last year's performance. This translates to a return on equity of 11 percent.

Total revenue was 3 percent lower, which was however offset by a 7 percent savings in overhead expenses and lower income taxes. BPI's total resources stood at P405 billion, slightly up by P2.9 from December 2002 level. Deposits and loans at P186 billion and P313 billion, respectively, were relatively flat versus year-end level.

Non-performing loan ratio (using BSP definition) declined from the year end level of 9.6 percent to 8.2 percent as of Sept. 30.

In the case of Security Bank, Simpao said the bank was strategically poised for growth and that it would continue to manage costs prudently.

He said Security Bank is bringing in new technology to be more efficient and to be able to introduce attractive products.

Capwire denies Nextmobile acquisition

CAPITOL Wireless Inc. (Capwire), in a statement, denied reports that wireless service provider Nextmobile Inc. is taking over 70 percent of the company.

Earlier this year, Capwire received a formal offer from Nextmobile for the acquisition of a majority stake in the company through Republic Telecommunications (Retelcom), Capwire's parent company.

Nextmobile and Capwire signed a memorandum of agreement (MOA) last May 1, 2003 but the planned acquisition never took place.

Capwire said that the talks were scuttled because certain preconditions stipulated in the MOA were not met by Nextmobile. Apparently, Nextmobile's creditors did not see it an opportune time for the acquisition to take place.

Nextmobile officials, in turn, sent a letter advising Capwire that they would not pursue the acquisition plans.

Further, Capwire sources underscored the fact that the period of negotiation and conduct of due diligence indicated in the MOA that both parties signed has already lapsed.

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BANKS					
Banco de Oro Univ. Bank	17.5	17.75	17.5	17.75	8,100
Bank of the Phil. Islands	44.5	44.5	44	44.5	274,500
Equitable Pci Bank Inc.	35	35.5	35	35.5	26,700
Export and Ind. Bank Inc.	0.73	0.73	0.7	0.7	780,000
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	27	27	27	27	296,700
Philippine National Bank	26.5	26.5	26.5	26.5	170,600
Phil. Savings Bank	26.5	26.5	26.5	26.5	1,300
Security Bank Corp.	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.75	1,000
Union Bank of the Phil.	28	28.5	28	28.5	66,300
FINANCIAL SERVICES					
First Abacus Financial	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	500,000
Manulife Financial Corp.	1610	1610	1610	1610	430
Sun Life Financial Inc.	1340	1350	1340	1350	4,500
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL					
COMMUNICATION					
ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp.	27.5	27.5	27.5	27.5	12,600
Digital Telecom Phils Inc.	0.7	0.71	0.7	0.71	2,820,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	770	785	770	780	138,490
ISM Communications Corp.	0.043	0.044	0.043	0.043	6,300,000
Pilipino Tel. Corp.	0.81	0.83	0.8	0.83	6,670,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	735	755	730	755	654,290
POWER & ENERGY					
Manila Electric Co. A	14	14.25	14	14	99,500
Manila Electric Co. B	20.5	20.75	20.5	20.75	628,500
Petron Corp.	2.02	2.04	2.02	2.02	1,317,000
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Int'l Container Term'l Sv	3.1	3.15	3.1	3.15	57,000
Negros Navigation Co.Inc	0.43	0.43	0.43	0.43	100,000
CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Engineering Equip. Inc	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.36	140,000
Union Cement Corp.	0.94	0.95	0.91	0.95	370,000
FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Alaska Milk Corp.	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3,000
Ginebra San Miguel Inc.	29	29	28	28	122,600
Jollibee Foods Corp.	17	17	16.75	17	284,100
Swift Food Inc.	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.26	190,000
San Miguel Corp. A	56	56.5	55.5	56.5	49,600
San Miguel Corp. B	62.5	62.5	62	62.5	300,400
Universal Robina Corp.	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	4,000
HOLDING FIRMS					
Ayala Corp.	4.9	5	4.9	5	3,845,000
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	3.3	3.35	3.3	3.3	1,272,000
Ajo.Net Holdings Inc.	0.029	0.029	0.028	0.028	2,000,000
APC Group Inc.	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	400,000
Alcorn Gold Res. Corp.	0.007	0.007	0.007	0.007	27,000,000
Anglo Phil Holdings Corp.	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	720,000
ATN Holdings Inc.	1.7	1.7	1.68	1.7	15,000
Benpres Holdings Corp.	0.57	0.59	0.57	0.59	3,960,000
A Brown Company Inc	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	40,000
Crown Equities Inc.	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	500,000
Ever-Gotesco Resources	0.021	0.025	0.021	0.022	5,700,000
First Phil Hldgs Corp.	17.5	17.75	17.5	17.75	360,700
Global Equities Inc.	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	200,000
Ionics Inc.	1.6	1.62	1.6	1.62	50,000
J.G. Summit Holdings Inc.	2.04	2.04	2.04	2.04	74,000
Macroasia Corp	0.65	0.65	0.62	0.62	200,000
Megaworld Corp.	1.08	1.12	1.08	1.12	14,589,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.28	0.29	0.28	0.28	14,010,000
Music Corp.	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	720,000
Roxas Holdings Inc.	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.99	40,000
Solid Group Inc.	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32	320,000
Waterfront Phils. Inc.	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.31	130,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING					
Corro-Coal Inc.	1.44	1.44	1.44	1.44	10,000
SPI Technologies Inc	13.75	13.75	13.75	13.75	38,000
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICES					
Belle Corp	0.58	0.61	0.58	0.61	3,700,000
Fairmont Holdings Inc.	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	70,000
Leisure & Resorts Corp.	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	100,000
Premiere Ent. Prod. Inc.	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	200,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp. (Pdr)	28.5	28.5	28	28	1,381,200
PLDT (10% Pref) Series P	10.75	10.75	10.75	10.75	100
PLDT (10% Pref) Series V	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	800
PLDT (10% Pref) Series X	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	1,600
PLDT (10% Pref) Series Y	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	1,600
PLDT (10% Pref) Series Z	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	100
PLDT 10% Pref Series Aa	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	2,500
PLDT 10% Pref Series Bb	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	200
OTHERS					
Far Eastern University	400	400	400	400	850
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	6.5	6.5	6.4	6.5	4,822,000
Araneta Properties Inc.	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	110,000
Cyber Bay Corp.	0.225	0.235	0.225	0.235	2,290,000
Empire East Land Inc.	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.24	1,020,000
Filinvest Land Inc.	1.14	1.14	1.12	1.14	2,173,000
Highlands Prime Inc	2.16	2.16	2.16	2.16	100,000
Fil-Estate Land Inc	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	200,000
SM Development Corp.	1.04	1.04	1.02	1.02	193,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	7.1	7.2	7.1	7.2	12,642,000
MINING					
Lepanto Cons Mng. Co. A	0.23	0.245	0.23	0.245	11,770,000
Lepanto Cons. Mng. Co B	0.33	0.35	0.32	0.34	15,990,000
Manila Mining Corp. A	0.0085	0.009	0.0085	0.009	28,000,000
Manila Mining Corp. B	0.0085	0.009	0.0085	0.009	130,000,000
Omico Corp.	0.0034	0.0034	0.0034	0.0034	26,000,000
Polar Mines & Dev't Corp.	0.017	0.017	0.017	0.017	100,000
Philex Mining Corp. B	0.35	0.36	0.35	0.35	350,000
OIL					
Imperial Res.	0.012	0.012	0.012	0.012	3,900,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. A	0.0032	0.0032	0.0032	0.0032	3,000,000
Pacifica	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	1,000,000

DISCLOSURES

CHARLES Yap Giok Twee was reelected director of **Keppel Philippines Marine Inc.**

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ELECTED members of **Filinvest Land Inc.**'s executive committee were Mercedes Gotianun, Josephine Yap, Jonathan Gotianun, Lim Swe Guan; Trent Loh, Joseph Yap, Andrew Gotianun Jr. and Lamberto Ocampo.

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A.BROWN Co. Inc. will appropriate up to P20 million for the development of the company's property in Cainta, Rizal. Assistant corporate secretary Jasmin Castro was authorized to represent and vote all the shares owned by the company during the annual stockholders' meeting of Philippine Realty and Holdings Corp.

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GLOBE Telecom Inc. disclosed the resignation of Axel Hass, Andreas Boy and Hubert Tubio as directors of the company.

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SUN Life Financial Inc. declared a cash dividend of Canadian $0.17 per share in favor of stockholders of record as of Nov. 19 to be paid on Dec. 31.

Compiled by Maricar D. Tolosa, PDI Research

CURRENCIES

October 30, 2003 Country	Unit	Euro Equivalent	Dollar Equivalent	Peso Equivalent
United States	Dollar	0.857265324	1.000000	55.258000
Japan	Yen	0.007913	0.009231	0.510100
United Kingdom	Pound	1.455465	1.697800	93.817000
Hongkong	Dollar	0.110485	0.128881	7.121700
Switzerland	Franc	0.644221	0.751484	41.525500
Canada	Dollar	0.653802	0.762660	42.143100
Singapore	Dollar	0.49376	0.575971	31.827000
Australia	Dollar	0.604134	0.704722	38.941500
Bahrain	Dinar*	2.274034	2.652661	146.580700
Saudi Arabia	Rial	0.228604	0.266667	14.735500
Brunei	Dollar	0.492342	0.574317	31.735600
Indonesia	Rupiah	0.0001	0.000117	0.006500
Thailand	Baht	0.021474	0.025050	1.384200
United Arab Emirates	Dirham	0.233422	0.272287	15.046000
Euro	Euro	1	1.166500	64.458500
ArgentinaPeso	0.300795	0.350877	19.388800	
Brazil	REAL	0.301642	0.351865	19.443400
Denmark	Kroner	0.134612	0.157025	8.676900
India	Rupee	0.018958	0.022114	1.222000
Malaysia	Ringgit	0.225626	0.263193	14.543500
Mexico	New Peso	0.077349	0.090228	4.985800
New Zealand	Dollar	0.52506	0.612482	33.844500
Norway	Kroner	0.121477	0.141703	7.830200
Pakistan	Rupee	0.014909	0.017391	0.961000
South Africa	Rand	0.1244	0.145113	8.018700
Korea	Won	0.000729	0.000850	0.047000
Sweden	Kroner	0.111039	0.129527	7.157400
Syria	Pound	0.020411	0.023810	1.315700
Taiwan	Nt Dollar	0.025288	0.029499	1.630100
Venezuela	Bolivar	0.000538	0.000627	0.034600

INTEREST RATES

October 30, 2003
MART 1 Rates

Benchmark Interest Rates	MART1 30-Oct-03	MART1 29-Oct-03
1 Month	6.3833	6.3967
3 Months	6.4411	6.4429
6 Months	7.4768	7.5643
1 Year	8.265	8.3857
2 Years	8.9654	8.9308
3 Years	9.6875	9.6917
4 Years	10.1661	10.1767
5 Years	10.4518	10.46
7 Years	11.0464	11.1233
10 Years	11.1732	11.295
20 Years	11.6875	11.7161
25 Years	12.1036	12.11

SOURCE: MART/BLOOMBERG

The truth about our trade liberalization

By Ernesto M. Ordoñez

COMMENTARY

SOMETIMES, the truth hurts. But the truth, they say, will set you free.

When President Bill Clinton ran for his first presidential bid in 1996, his campaign team focused on the truth of what was happening to the United States. "It's the economy, Stupid!" This truth hurt. But since it was accepted, it became the focus of President Clinton's administration. It brought him a second presidential term. And it brought the United States the economic growth it needed.

Economic Indicators

In the Philippine economy today, we see distressing figures, especially on employment. Two days ago, the Fair Trade Alliance (FTA), cited the following statistics from the Department of Labor and Employment:

- Laid-off workers rose from 67,624 in 2000 to 71,864 in 2001, and even further to 77,601 in 2002;
- 540,000 workers lost their jobs as of July, 2003;
- Unemployment increased from 3.8 million in 2002 to 4.35 million in July 2003; and
- Company closures increased by 27 percent from 2,258 firms in 2000 to 2,859 in 2001, and went up further by 15 percent to 3,296 in 2002.

The FTA argued that this was largely caused by trade liberalization that was implemented too rapidly. When asked why this happened, some people say, "It's the WTO (World Trade Organization), Stupid!" Their argument was that the WTO forced their excessive trade liberalization conditions on us. We had no choice, or else we would be cut off from global trade.

Unfortunately, this is not the whole truth. While some WTO impositions are indeed harmful to us and several other developing countries, the painful truth is that we played a large part in causing our own problems.

WTO

At the end of 1994, as part of our membership obligations in the WTO, our government bound 3,664 (or 66 percent) of our tariff lines at a simple 10 percentage points above the applied rates prevailing in 1995.

With respect to our WTO tariff reduction agreements, we committed to reduce tariffs on only 65 tariff lines- 42 agricultural products and 24 textile and clothing products. These lines constitute only .01 percent of our total tariff lines.

We also committed to a tariff reduction of only 10-30 percent over an extended period of 10 years. What we actually implemented was an average tariff reduction of more than double our WTO commitment: 49 percent in industry and 52 percent in agriculture. Furthermore, we did this in only five years, half the time allowed by our WTO commitment.

Though some of us strongly opposed this and were derogatorily called protectionists, many of this move's proponents sincerely believed rapid trade liberalization was the key to our country's economic development.

In agriculture, an example of our overeagerness to liberalize quickly is shown in our bound percentage tariff rates for sugar as compared to some other countries: Thailand-94, Indonesia-95, Colombia-117, Mexico-156, Japan-288 and the Philippines-50.

Justice Florentino Feliciano is a former Chairperson of the WTO's appellate body for trade disputes and a former member of the Supreme Court. He describes the Philippine tariff reduction program as a "total unilateral disarmament" that has unnecessarily put industries and jobs on the chopping block of global competition.

AFTA-CEPT

In addition to the WTO, we are bound by our tariff commitments under the Asean Free Trade Agreement-Common Effective Preferential Tariffs (AFTA-CEPT). Originally, these products' tariff rates were supposed to go down to 0-5 percent by 2008. However, this was accelerated to 2003.

Among the Asean nations, we are the most aggressive in trade liberalization in key aspects of this agreement. For example, one very important provision is the allowance given member countries to exclude 5 percent of their total tariff lines from the 0-5 percent tariff requirement due to the sensitivity and strategic nature of these products.

What some countries did was to submit as many tariff lines as possible, including tariff lines for products they are not even producing. Malaysia, for example, submitted 20,000 tariff lines.

We, on the other hand, submitted only 5,694 lines, the lowest among all the Asean countries.

Conclusion

The truth hurts, but we have to acknowledge and address it if we are to move forward.

We will not say, "It's our own Tariff Reform Program, Stupid!" But the sooner we acknowledge that this is a large part of the problem, the sooner the truth will set us free.

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Food manufacturers ask government for incentives to boost export revenue

By Michelle V. Remo

THE COUNTRY'S processed food manufacturers have asked the government to provide them with incentives such as tax discounts or financial support for promotions, research and development to boost their export revenue.

The Philippine Food Processors and Exporters Organization Inc. (Philfoodex) has also urged the government to push through with the long-delayed implementation of the Export Development Act of 1994, which provided for various incentives and support programs to help the country's exporters.

Under the EDA, qualified exporters would be granted various incentives, such as tax exemptions on the importation of machinery and equipment and accompanying spare parts, which are used in the manufacture of exported products.

According to Philfoodex president Jesus Tanchangco Sr., the Philippines has lagged behind its Asean counterparts in terms of food export revenue and volume.

Tanchangco attributed this to the aggressive stance of other governments in supporting their food industries and the relative lack of support from the Philippine government.

He said the Philippines has become only the 6th biggest food exporter in the region behind leaders Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore, Vietnam and Indonesia.

TANCHANGCO SR.

The Philippines used to be the biggest in the region some 20 to 30 years ago, and local food exporters fear that the country would be overtaken by Myanmar, Cambodia and Laos if steps are not made to help local exporters.

"We do not even ask government to provide exactly what other countries give their food industries. What we are asking is to be given even half of the support other countries are getting," Tanchangco said in an interview.

He said food exporters from other countries, such as of Malaysia and Thailand, are granted a 50-percent subsidy on their promotional activities, such as involvement in international food shows. Malaysian and Thai governments also give subsidies for research and development efforts.

An Act of Love

One of the realities we all have to contend with is the fact that we will eventually succumb to the inevitable. We are all just transients in this world and there would come a time when we would have to leave behind everything we have worked for.

Bob was a man who has earned a respectable place in his circle. He had his own business, which was fairly successful and which had been steadily growing despite the hard times. He has the admiration of colleagues and the respect of his business associates. His popularity has earned him an enviable position of influence in the community.

With the growing success of his business, he is able to send his children to good schools. An energetic and accomplished man, he is also able to nurture a successful family life. Prospects for his family seemed positive. Residing in a first-rate subdivision, already they are planning to acquire another piece of real-estate property. Indeed he had a lot going for him.

Bob certainly had the best of everything in life. There was only one hitch—he had a serious heart ailment that is already giving him hints about his own immortality. A man who has the capacity to enjoy life, he was fond of everything the good life has to offer—late night with spouse and their circle of friends, regular drinks with *kumpares* and good food.

Such unhealthy lifestyle had to take a toll on his body sometime. It was not long before he had a heart attack. Eventually his heart simply gave up.

His pampered wife questioned why he seemed willing to let go of life so easily. There was a feeling of abandonment.

It was not easy for his children as well. Only just beginning to enter their teens, they felt disoriented and confused. All their lives Bob had arranged for them to have it easy, now the roles were reversed. They had to take control of the situation and arrange things for their father.

With the feeling of disorientation about what the future would be without the head of the family. Bob's wife and children had to contend with the thousand and one arrangements for a decent memorial service.

Only to discover another one of Bob's acts of love for the family. It seemed that Bob had already foreseen the eventuality of death and had prepared for it. The good financial planner that he was, he had the foresight to invest on a life plan.

For his life plan, Bob invested on the best—the Philam Plans Ultima Life Plan. Not only did it answer for the expenses for the casket and other expenses for the funeral service, it also came with the professional assistance extended by Family Assistance Officers. All Bob's wife did was dial 400-4180/400-4181 and a Family Assistance Officer immediately came to take care of the arrangements. The professional assistance extended by the FAO translated to peace of mind for the family enabling them to carry their grief with dignity.

In the Philippine set-up, not everyone is as open-minded as Bob with regards to planning ahead for the inevitable. The life plan is perhaps the most challenging to sell among all pre-need plans precisely because of the averse reaction of Filipinos to it. Many even actually treat the idea as "morbid."

> *We are all just transients in this world and there would come a time when we would have to leave behind everything we have worked for.*

Thus many experience spending more than necessary for funeral arrangements, only because they are not in a good emotional state to make the right decisions at a time of grief.

As what Bob's family experienced, the life plan is actually one of the best gifts a person can give to his loved ones. With her good experience with Philam Plans Ultima Life Plan, Bob's wife got her own coverage as well. Not only does it serve as her life plan, she is also pleased with the accompanying insurance coverages for her and her children's extra protection. An outstanding feature is the Living Benefit, which would give her back 100% of her investment in the plan on the 15th year anniversary of the plan. The only condition is that she stay healthy and alive by that time. This feature actually makes her life plan double as a pension plan as well!

(by Asther Bascuña Creo)

PHILAM PLANS
ULTIMA
LIFE PLAN

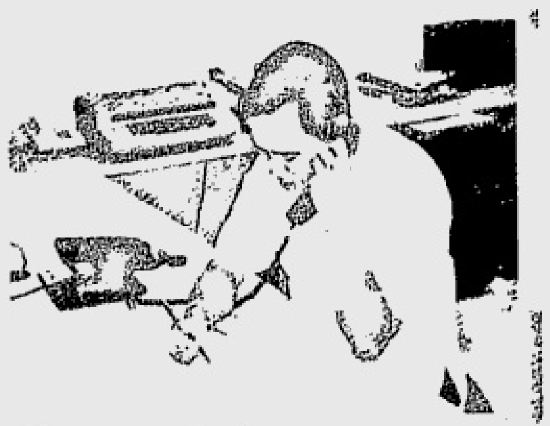
The Ultima Life Plan provides the memorial service benefit which Philam Plans will administer for the mortuary services of the planholder. The plan comes with insurance benefits that protect the planholder from accidents, disability and dismemberment.

An outstanding feature of the plan is the Living Benefit, which is actually a return of payment at full cost of the plan if the planholder is alive on the 15th year anniversary. He has the option to use the funds at his own luxury or reinvest it with the company's Benefit Management Services, for it to continue to earn interest for the use of his family long after he is gone.

The plan comes with a Family Assistance Fund given upon planholder's death on or after his 75th birthday. This amount can be use to fund final memorial expenses and if the fund is more than the actual cost of the memorial service, the difference will be paid to the planholder's family in cash. The same goes in the occasion of an unrendered service.

Philam Plans also renders professional administration of memorial service at no extra cost. Upon presentation of proof of payment of the plan, the family gets to enjoy assistance from the company's team of professional family assistance officers.

The Ultima Life Plan is provided by PhilamPlans, Inc., the leading pre-need company in terms of pre-need sales. It is affiliated with two industry giants: Philippine American Life and General Insurance Company (Philamlife), the country's number one life insurance company; and American International Group (AIG), the leading US-based international insurance organization and the largest underwriter of commercial and industrial coverages in the United States.



Philam Plans' Family Assistance Officers are on call 24-hours a day

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Right music makes cash registers ring

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

MARKETING STRATEGY

EVER wondered why you seem to stay longer in one coffee place than another, or enter a retail shop and end up buying more than you bargained for?

Well, you can blame it partly on the carefully chosen piped-in music, according to a number of American studies on the environmental influences on consumer behavior.

A department store study by Muzak showed that when the piped-in music "matched" the shoppers' tastes, they shopped longer by an average of 18 percent and made 17 percent more purchases.

A more recent 1986 Milliman study on restaurants showed that customers usually stayed longer at their table when the music is slow, and consequently had a bigger bill.

Jojo Ajero, marketing manager of Chowking, saw the truth behind these studies when he experienced firsthand the direct effect of music on shopping behavior.

"I was just accompanying my wife one day while she did her shopping, and I noticed that she loved this place that was playing Latin music. The whole ambiance of the store and the music motivated her to go there often," Ajero says.

That image stuck to his mind so much that when Filipino company Audio Emage Inc. came up to him and offered to program music to increase store sales for Chowking, he immediately latched on to the idea.

Thus was born Chowking Radio, a first in the industry of quick service restaurants.

Chowking management and Audio Emage worked together to come up with a whole-day music program that generally features fast songs at the start of the day and slow tempo songs in the late afternoons.

"We wanted to cater to all the markets of Chowking so we came up with a fusion of jazz, lounge music and rhythm and blues, which we thought would attract Chowking,s market," explains Carlos Hinolan, vice president for sales of Audio Emage.

Audio Emage provides creative in-store entertainment solutions to retailers and restaurants nationwide.

For Chowking, it's not just about music. It spiced up the programming with "advertisements" about Chowking's latest products, offerings and promotions.

"We also have some development communications because we also have some spots where we inform our customers about our practices such as water safety," Chowking advertising manager Weng Escobar adds.

The programming was put together in November last year and was pilot tested the following month in six Chowking outlets—Megamall, Pioneer, Sta. Cruz, Greenbelt, Ever Gotesco and E. Rodriguez.

The sites were chosen because these catered to different markets. The music for each type of store was customized to fit the main market.

Hinolan, however, says that the common thread that runs through all the stores is the use of so-called stress-free music, which is not too loud as to distract the attention of the customers.

Chowking says that regular customers have really taken to the Chowking Radio. One proof is the in-store survey of Chowking customers conducted last January in select branches. The survey showed that eight out of 10 respondents agreed that music influences their eating habits inside Chowking. Music sets their mood.

Almost everyone also said that they like to hear music while dining, especially for those who dine alone.

Several customers included in the survey preferred more than one style of music but rhythm and blues, soul and jazz are the most preferred, followed by the Blues, classical and alternative music.

All 236 Chowking stores nationwide have Chowking Radio and Escobar says that it is just one of the ways by which Chowking strives to improve on customer service.

CHOWKING customers now eat to the sweet sound of Chowking radio.

Respect your customers' unique characteristics

By Dennis M. Arroyo
Contributor

IT IS a folly to think that all customers are equal—in reality they are not. A few generate the biggest sales, many yield average revenue, and some provide just a trickle of income.

Firms could thus boost profits by looking for the best customers, treating them very well, and keeping them coming back for more.

Put briefly, it's vital to respect the differences among customers. The following examples are taken from the book Enterprise One-to-One by Don Peppers and Martha Rogers, Ph.D.

Best customers

The National Australia Bank segmented its retail banking customers into five levels, according to profitability. Identifying the top tier customers fattened the bank's bottom line. Over six years, it widened the top two tiers, from less than 20 percent of the base, to more than 27 percent.

Finding out who are one's best clients is essential for small businesses as well. Speedy Car Wash in Panama City, Florida, records the license plate numbers of all its customers. The computer then ranks the cars in order of frequency: the company looks for the top 50 customers in particular.

Every day, the employee who first identifies one of the Top 50 customers is given a cash award. The said preferred customers are then accorded special treatment.

Attitude clusters

Looking into demographics is not enough. Consider the popular toy Lego, the fancy building blocks which kids use to form castles, spaceships, dinosaurs, etc. Lego Inc. segments its market into

(a) boys aged 5 to 8, (b) older boys, and (c) mothers.

Division by demographic groups allows Lego to sell well to its submarkets. However, it would likely be more useful to look at attitude segments. There are, in fact, different Lego preferences among children.

One type of boy is the Role Player. The kid builds a spaceship with the blocks, and pretends to be the captain. In his imagination, he is zooming on warp drive. Another type is the Constructor. The kid uses the accompanying diagrams to build dinosaurs, planes, and trucks. He is a budding engineer. A third type of Lego kid is the Creative Mind. The child doesn't bother with the diagrams and simply builds elaborate structures.

Hence, Lego can offer more diagrams for the Constructor kids. The company can sell story books and videos to the Role Players. It would be best to know their particular interests; Lego can thus market accessories that go with their flights of imagination: space adventures, medieval knights, elite combat troops.

Capturing customer info

How do firms get such information on attitudes? They ask the clients. A US Midwest lending company, Farm Credit, segments its farmer borrowers through a chain of 21 questions. The exercise has yielded five clusters or attitude sets. For example, Value Shoppers want to know the full range of rate options, and they tend to make their own decisions.

In contrast, Reassurance Seekers ask the opinion of others, follow it, then go back to their main interest, farming. Armed with this information, knowing the difference in attitudes, Farm Credit is able to market its loan packages more effectively.

Websites can keep track

Information technology makes it easier to capture customer information, and Amazon.com is a leader in the field. When you order a book online, Amazon stores the purchase details.

Then when you buy more books, the website gets to refine its concept of your interests. It gets an even clearer view if you email them to ask when some books will be available. Having such data, Amazon automatically recommends related titles when you look into a particular book.

Sales are brisk, and the turnover of Amazon bestsellers is 150 times, in contrast with four times for most book retailers.

Mass customization

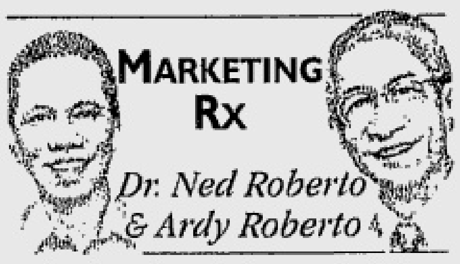
Respect for the customer's individuality reaches the manufacturing stage as well. A company in Littleton, Colorado sells "My Twinn" dolls. These are dolls custom-built to resemble the child owner. Photos of the kids provide the details on hair style, facial features, eyes, etc.

The digital division of R.R. Donnelley's uses computer power to print different versions of a document in each printing run. Once the program is set, press operators don't need to press special buttons. This form of mass customization is ideal for brochures needed by their realtor customers.

Using digital cameras, the realtors take pictures of the houses they are selling. Then they email the photos to R.R. Donnelley's. The company turns the photos into brochures and mails them to the realtors the next day.

All told, computers make it easier for firms to respect the customer as an individual. They can track his preferences, let him to talk back to the firm, and allow it to tailor the product to his exact needs.

Scared of the cost of celebretics? Try this. . .



MARKETING Rx

Dr. Ned Roberto & Ardy Roberto

A GOOD number reacted to our past two columns on Celebretics (the practice of using celebrity endorsers as an advertising execution strategy). Most of them asked:

"What about us small, medium companies who can't afford celebrities in our advertising? What's available to us that can have the same or nearly the same persuasive power of a celebrity endorser?"

Okay, let's start answering this question with the proper diagnosis.

The proper diagnosis must basically be to understand why using a celebrity succeeds at times and why it does not at others. We mentioned in our past two columns about celebritics that even the most successful and most expensive celebrity endorser, Sharon Cuneta, does not have a 100 percent success scorecard.

So why don't you analyze "success" cases. Do this with the end in view of identifying their "common denominator." When you do this, you'll discover that the effectiveness of using a celebrity came from what the celebrity was able to get the ad audience to do. That's the word-of-mouth activity that the celebrity's "words" and recommendations succeeded in getting the ad audience and consumers to do.

Sharon says...

Consider, for example our favorite case study, the pHCare TV commercial. What did Sharon say and asked women to do? First, Sharon said that she learned from her Ob -gyne that there are two kinds of feminine wash, one a medicine and the other for everyday use. Then she continued to say that if you're not sick, then you don't need a medicine. But if you want a feminine wash for everyday care because you now have a (sexual) partner, then use the everyday feminine wash, pHCare.

That message obviously (of course, obvious now from hindsight) resonated with the segment of women with exactly that kind of need for a feminine wash. And it happened to be the larger segment than the occasional when-you're-sick or UTI-afflicted segment. It was also a message delivered by a trusted and credible endorser.

But what happened after seeing the TV commercial is that these women talked to others about Sharon and pHCare and about what she said regarding pHCare as what's suited for everyday use and Lactacyd (then the market leader in feminine wash) as a medicine. That was the "buzz," the word-of-mouth that multiplied the reach of the pHCare TV commercial message. Without this conversation-value multiplier, it's doubtful that pHCare would have gained the kind of unprecedented immediate acceptance that it experienced.

Buzz marketing

Today, we call the communication power of word-of-mouth as "buzz power." (Or "mouth-to-mouth advertising" as one AIM student from Jakarta would say.) A celebrity as product ad endorser is therefore valued when she is able to bring her buzz-creating power to the ad. So the question raised may be restated as this: "For SMEs, what can be a more affordable buzz creating communication alternative?"

We're all familiar with "buzz," thanks in no small measure to Boy Abunda and his TV program, "The Buzz." Setting aside for the moment, celebrities as buzz generators, let's ask: "What else generates conversation and word-of-mouth playbacks, repetitions, and embellished paraphrasing after they've been heard, read or seen somewhere?"

We'll say outright that a good story and "value" words are buzz breeders. Let's take a closer look at each of these two buzz-making categories.

An example of a good-story-based TV ad is McDonald's "Lolo and Gina" commercial. It's an archetype and value story about our tradition of respect for elders. It's an old story told in today's modern setting. The "Lolo and Gina" story hit our hearts and soul and we buzzed it all over and all around via forwarded text messages and jokes, among others. And there were no celebrities in that TV commercial. In fact, the use of a celebrity would not have had as strong an impact. The story was about ordinary people regarding an ordinary value. For this, there's no one better than ordinary people who can tell that story as compellingly as it did. Our Creative Guild lifetime awardee-friend, Minyong Ordoñez, maintains that for "thematic" value ads, celebrities are a wrong choice. Celebrities work best for product advertisements.

But you may say again: "That's McDonald's. It's a big company again. Don't we have a case or two about a small business?"

Of course, there's a whole lot. Take The Body Shop when it started. Its success came from its story about its commitment to the environment and its crusading owner, Anita Roddick.

'Attitude sells'

Often, words have a way of getting to consumers even more deeply than a story. The conversation value of certain value words is also longer lasting. Consumers do not seem to get tired of playing back and mouthing brand taglines like "Just Do It" of Nike, "No Fear" of that same brand name, and "Obey Your Thirst" of Sprite. Our friend and research colleague, Mercy Abad, likes to call them "selling attitudes." She says: "Attitude sells. Find your target market segment's attitude and identify your brand with it and you hit a gold mine."

In the last senatorial election, we saw and witnessed the power of value words. The camp of the "impeached" president and its senatorial candidates campaigned under the cry of "Walang Iwanan" (No one leaves no one behind). The senior MRx's survey of voters then was surprised to find how those words found high and strong identification with the *masa* (mass) voters. As it turned out those words captured a value that close friends hold dear and follow with blind dedication.

On the other hand, the GMA camp ran under the banner: "Matuto na tayo ,bumoto nang tama" (Learn your lesson. Vote right.) The same survey showed the *masa* voters taking not too well toward those words. One ordinary laborer voter spoke the adverse feelings they provoked: *"Eto na naman 'tong mga mayayaman. Minamandohan na naman tayo kung anong gusto nilang gawin natin."* (Here are those rich people again telling us what they want us to do.) The "Walang iwanan" had buzz power and we saw how the ordinary common "tao" quoted this when asked why they voted for the Erap aligned senators.

Word power

Some ordinary and even over-used words have buzz provoking values. Think of some of the retailing advertisements you've recently seen. Retail stores have used such words as "Sale," "Free," "Buy one, take one," "Clearance," "Everything must go" over and over again. Yet, they continue to do the selling job. They are "selling words." They are words that sell because they are after all value words. And consumers who see and hear them talk to others about them and in more cases than less, they follow their call to the buying action.

So in summary, we finally come to our Marketing Rx. If you want to take advantage of the buzz making power of ad celebrities but can't afford using a celebrity, then go after alternative buzz generators. A good but true value-centered story underlying your advertised product is one such buzz-provoking alternative. A second one is the use of "value words," "attitude words," or even "selling words."

For those of you who want to get deeper into word-of-mouth and buzz- making (we've of course only scratched the surface). For the more serious marketing learners, we recommend these books:

Jerry Wilson, Word of Mouth Marketing. NY: Wiley, 1991.

Emanuel Rosen, The Anatomy of Buzz. NY: Doubleday, 2000.

Malcolm Gladwell, The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference. Boston: Little, Brown & Co., 2000

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Pinangat maker to bottle product for export

By Gil Francis G. Arevalo
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CAMALIG, Albay—Famous *pinangat* maker Brunches N' Crunches based here is now going to bottle its delicacy product in a bid to expand its local market to include other regions of the country and hopefully penetrate the export market.

For about 17 years now, owner Portia Gonzales, 54, has been manufacturing wrapped and frozen pinangat. This Bicol specialty is cooked with the creamy coconut milk, mixed with finely ground garlic, ginger, and taro (gabi) leaves.

For varieties, chili (*lada* in local dialect), shrimps, fish, and even meat may be added as additional ingredients or flavor.

Longer shelf life

With the increasing demand for the native delicacy, however, she decided to lengthen the shelf life of the product for the benefit of those who live outside the region by bottling it.

And four months ago, Gonzales started to bottle pinangat, resulting in more orders from customers from other regions in the country.

But this means an additional cost of P25, which includes the costs of bottling, labeling and final packaging.

Gonzales says the process involved in bottled pinangat is the same with that of the wrapped and frozen pinangat.

It undergoes natural steps such as the natural mixing of the "gabi" (taro) leaves and stalks while slowly cooked in coconut milk and seasoned with a variety of popular Bicolano ingredients.

No preservatives are added to the products.

First step is the wrapping of the taro leaves. The wrapped pieces of pinangat are then placed in bottles.

"The bottled pinangat pieces are sterilized. In this case the sterilization process further simmers the pinangat with the creamy coconut milk," Gonzales says.

The main feature of the bottled product is the two-year expiration date, surpassing the one-year expiration date of the frozen pinangat.

"But we never put in the label of the product that it can last up to two years. We just put one year, since most people might wonder or comment that the two-year life of this new product is just an exaggeration.

The natural process involved ensures the two-year expiration of the product," Gonzales tells the INQUIRER.

She says they buy the bottles and other materials for packaging from the Amcor Company of Southeast Asia Inc., which is based in Calabanga, Camarines Sur.

No. 1 in country

PINANGAT is one of the most popular specialties in Bicol region, particularly in Camalig. PHOTOS BY NIÑO JESUS ORBETA, PDI SOUTHERN LUZON BUREAU

Gonzales says it was the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) that convinced her to venture into bottled pinangat and improve her product because the two agencies, she claims, recognize her enterprise as the number one pinangat producer in the country.

The Dost-V provided the technology to process the first bottled pinangat.

"Their assistance to this noble endeavor is very overwhelming. I, for one, had never planned to come up with this kind of manufacturing since I have only a limited number of workers, thus, we are always overloaded because the demand for our products is not confined to this one. I have to maintain the supply to our customers who order the more popular wrapped and frozen pinangat," Gonzales says.

She admits that the bottled pinangat is a new endeavor for her so that although the demand for the product is now very high, she has to limit production up to her store's capacity only.

This, Gonzales says, would enable her to constantly upgrade her products and maintains her status as the number one manufacturer of "pinangat original" in the country.

Trademark

Gonzales says she plans to secure her product's original label since there are many businessmen both here and abroad who, aside from buying her product, want to sell it by changing its original name.

"The DTI always reminds me that I should not go into that kind of transaction since I will lose the right to having manufactured the original pinangat. They are only after buying and changing the label of my products because many people already recognize us as the pioneer in popularizing the food of the people of Albay," she says.

Last June 2002 when Gonzales' pinangat business was featured in the Philippine Daily Inquirer, there were other pinangat manufacturers who imitated its product although the quality was low.

She says she has already brought this to the DTI's attention. Imitating their products is now rampant in the province of Albay.

"There were many people who came to my store and asked if we were the original producer of pinangat since they were confused with the true taste and quality of the products they have tasted in other outlets that imitate our product.

Even my customers from other parts of the country and abroad have been asking me if we have several franchises and outlets," Gonzales says.

PINANGAT has many varieties. It can be served frozen or warm and the popular way to eat it is with rice or bread.

HSBC CEO Warner Manning with BOI Governor Kim Jacinto-Henares and co-chair of e-Government Committee Renato Valencia

HSBC launches IT Awards

NEVER give up on an idea you really believe in. Persevere even if others say you should not push through with your project and be ready to adapt to the rapid changes in the business environment.

These are just some of the tips shared by established entrepreneurs in the information technology field such as Monchu Garcia, president of e2door.com, Raffy David of Pilipinas Teleserv, Jun Villanueva of Mdi group, Dennis Mendiola of Chikka, Leo Riingen, president of Informatics and PJ Gonzaga of Progressive Ideas with IT enthusiasts interested in taking part in the 1st Philippine HSBC Young IT Entrepreneur Awards.

CHIKKA'S Dennis Mendiola

AIM'S Masters in Entrepreneurship alumnus PJ Gonzaga

These IT experts said during the awards launch held earlier this month that all good businesses start with a good idea, and it should be something worth fighting for even if others say that it won't fly.

HSBC invites students to come up with these killer ideas and participate in the awards, meant to foster ingenuity and the entrepreneurial spirit among Filipinos, thus, supporting a new generation of business leaders.

The awards were first held in Hong Kong in 2000, followed a year later in Malaysia. This year, HSBC brings the awards to the Philippines.

The competition is open to full-time Filipino university students aged 25 and below, from public and private colleges and universities in Metro Manila. Participants must compete in teams of two or three students from the same or different schools and faculties.

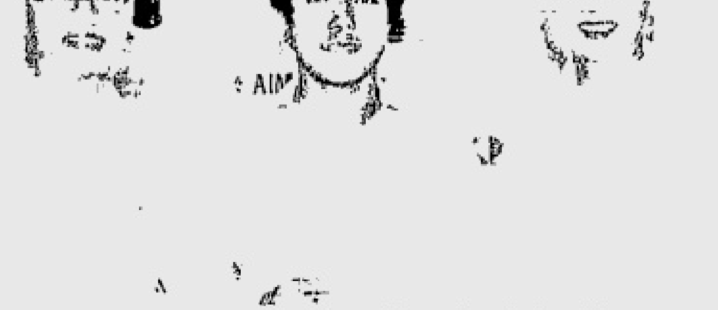
The competition will run from November to February next year, with the final presentations set on Feb. 26.

Prizes at stake include prize money in the form of self-development funds to help the winners pursue their ideas, and a week-long study tour at the University of Washington in Seattle.

The champion team will also receive a scholarship to AIM's Venture into Entrepreneurship program a six-month course specially designed for the aspiring entrepreneur.

Tina Arceo-Dumlao

LEO Riingen of Informatics gets his free ice cream from a "sorbetero" who hands out these cool treats together with brochures on the HSBC Young IT Entrepreneur Awards



THE GLOBAL Young Entrepreneur' Organization lends its support and expertise: Alvin Lao, Jun Villanueva and Edward Lim

ERRATUM

IN THE article entitled, "Firm brings videoke craze to RP homes", which appeared last week, the wrong accompanying photo was used. The lady in the photo was In-A-Jiffy COO Cris Sanchez-Llamo, not Olive Sanchez, SVP for sales and marketing. We regret the error.

Classifying real property

By Iryn S. Yap
SGV & Co.

TAX-FILES

(Continued from last week)
Capital and ordinary assets

UNDER the Tax Code, the term "capital assets" shall refer to property held by the taxpayer, whether or not connected with his trade or business, but does not include the following:

1. Stock in trade of the taxpayer; or
2. Other property of a kind which would properly be included in the inventory of the taxpayer, if on hand at the close of the taxable year; or
3. Property held by the taxpayer primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of his trade or business; or
4. Property used in the trade or business of a character which is subject to the allowance for depreciation provided in subsection (f) of Section 29 of the 1997 Tax Code; or
5. Real property used in trade or business

Taxpayers in real estate

RR No. 7-2003 defines who are considered taxpayers engaged in the real estate business. Included in this category of taxpayers are real estate dealers, developers, and/or lessors, and taxpayer whose Articles of Incorporation states that its primary purpose is to engage in the real estate business.

A real estate dealer is any person engaged in the business of buying and selling or exchanging real properties on his own account as a principal and holding himself out as a full or part-time dealer in real estate.

Under RR No. 7-03, all real properties acquired by the real estate dealer are classified as ordinary assets.

A real estate developer refers to any person engaged in the business of developing real properties into subdivisions, or building houses on subdivided lots, or constructing residential or commercial units, townhouses and other similar units for his own account and offering them for sale or lease.

The rule under RR No. 7-03, is that all real properties acquired by the real estate developer, whether developed or undeveloped as of the time of acquisition, and all real properties which are held by the real estate developer primarily for sale or for lease to customers in the ordinary course of his trade or business or which would be included in its inventory if on hand at the close of the taxable year and all real properties used in the trade or business, whether in the form of land, building, or other improvements, shall be considered as ordinary assets.

Meanwhile, a real estate lessor is any person engaged in the business of leasing or renting out real properties on his own account as a principal and holding himself out as lessor of real properties being rented out or offered for rent.

All its real properties, whether land and/or improvements, which are for lease/rent or being offered for lease/rent, or otherwise for use or being used in the trade or business shall likewise be considered as ordinary assets.

On the other hand, all real properties acquired in the course of trade or business by a taxpayer habitually engaged in the sale of real estate shall be considered as ordinary assets.

In the case of subsequent non-operation by taxpayers originally registered to be engaged in the real estate business, all its real properties shall continue to be treated as ordinary assets.

Moreover, it appears that the BIR has become aware of abuse of the classification between ordinary and capital asset and has started to plug some loopholes.

Thus, the regulations provide that the change of business or amendment of the primary purpose of the business shall not result in the re-classification of real property from ordinary asset to capital asset.

The regulations even provide that for purposes of issuing the certificate authorizing registration (CAR) or tax clearance certificate (TCL), the appropriate officer of the BIR shall determine whether a corporation purporting to be not engaged in the real estate business has amended its primary purpose from a real estate business to a non-real estate business.

A similar rule applies in case of abandoned and idle real properties. Real properties that used to form part of the stock in trade of a taxpayer engaged in the real estate business, or formerly being used in the trade or business of a taxpayer engaged or not engaged in the real estate business, which were later on abandoned and became idle, shall continue to be treated as ordinary assets.

There is an exception though.

This would be in case of properties classified as ordinary assets for being used in business by a taxpayer engaged in business other than real estate.

These properties are automatically converted into capital assets upon showing of proof that these have not been used in business for more than two years prior to the consummation of the taxable transactions involving said properties.

The regulations, however, fail to define the phrase "not been used in business." Moreover, it is not clear what constitutes valid proof in the above requirement.

It is also not clear if the conversion of an ordinary asset into a capital asset will materialize if a taxpayer does not present any proof that the asset has not been used in business for more than two years, although in fact that had been the case.

For taxpayers not engaged in the real estate business, RR No. 07-03 provides the following guidelines:

Real properties, whether land, building, or other improvements, which are used or being used or have been previously used in the trade or business of the taxpayer shall be considered as ordinary assets.

These include buildings and/or improvements subject to depreciation and lands used in the trade or business of the taxpayer.

However, even if the depreciable asset's net book value is nil, having been fully depreciated, or if no depreciation was recorded during the period of ownership, the status of the asset remains ordinary.

Monetary consideration or the presence or absence of profit in the operation of the property is not significant in the characterization of the property.

So long as the property is or has been used for business purposes, whether for the benefit of the owner or any of its members or stockholders, it shall still be considered as an ordinary asset.

However, real property used by an exempt corporation in its exempt operations shall not be considered used for business purposes, and therefore, are considered a capital asset.

Real property, whether single detached; townhouse; or condominium unit, not used in trade or business as evidenced by a certification from the Barangay Chairman or from the head of administration, in case of condominium unit, townhouse or apartment and as validated from the existing available records of the BIR, owned by an individual engaged in business, shall be treated as capital asset.

Real properties classified as capital or ordinary asset in the hands of the seller/transferor may change their character in the hands of the buyer/transferee.

The classification of such property in the hands of the buyer/transferee shall be determined according to the following rules:

- Real property transferred through succession or donation to the heir or donee who is not engaged in the real estate business with respect to the real property inherited or donated, and who does not subsequently use such property in trade or business, shall be considered as a capital asset in the hands of the heir or donee.
- Real property received as dividend by the stockholders who are not engaged in the real estate business and who do not subsequently use such real property in trade or business shall be treated as capital assets in the hands of the recipients even if the corporation which declared the real property dividend is engaged in real estate business.
- The real property received in an exchange shall be treated as ordinary asset in the hands of the transferee in the case of a tax-free exchange by taxpayer not engaged in real estate business to a taxpayer who is engaged in real estate business, or to a taxpayer who, even if not engaged in real estate business, will use in business the property received in the exchange.
- Treatment of real property subject of involuntary transfer. In the case of involuntary transfers of real properties, including expropriation or foreclosure sale, the involuntary nature of the sale shall have no effect on the classification of such real property in the hands of the involuntary seller, as either capital asset or ordinary asset, as the case may be.

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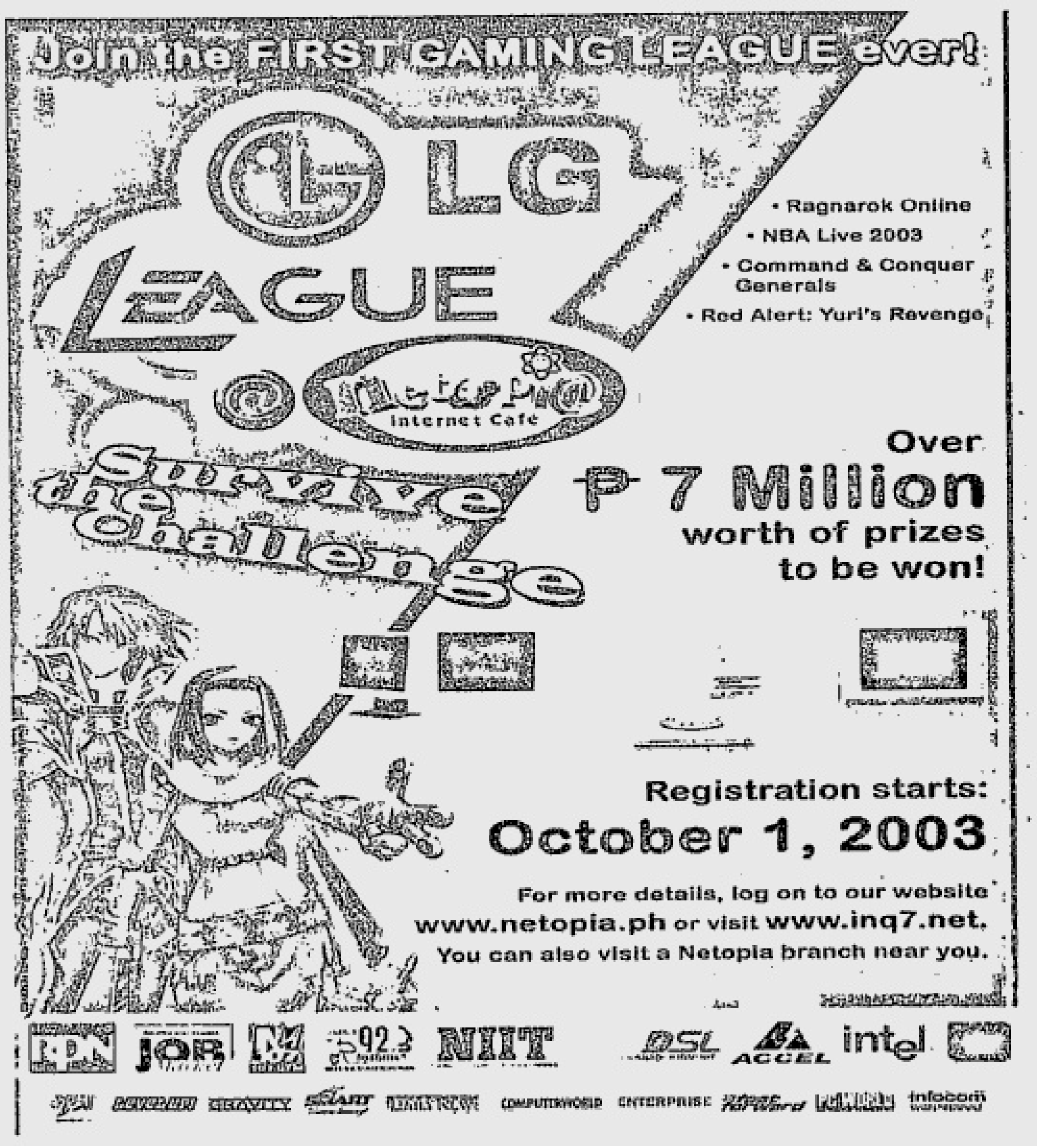
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FIDEL YUVIENCO ESTRADA, M.D.

Died in the Grace of Our Lord
on 29 October 2003 at the age of 74.

His beloved wife **CORAZON** (†); and loving children **AUGUSTO** and **ADELE VICTORINO, MARIA REMEDIOS** and **LEOPOLDO CAMARA**, and **RAMON** and **KATTY GO**; brothers and sisters **ENCARNACION** (†) and **JULIO DE VERA** (†), **JANUARIO JR.** (†) and **LORNA, LOURDES** (†), and **REMEDIOS** and **VENANCIO ALCABAO**; brothers- and sisters-in-law **JOSE** and **TERESITA SANTOS, GLORIA** and **JOSE VERGEL de DIOS, VIRGINIA SYJUCO, NELIA** and **ROMEO FANDIÑO, BLANQUITA** and **RENATO GONZALEZ, ERLINDA** (†) and **BENJAMIN GOZON, BELLA** and **OSCAR BARRERA, ROMAN** and **LEONORA SANTOS, AUGUSTO BENEDICTO** and **MARIA LINDA SANTOS, JULIANA** and **E. NORBERT GARRETT III**; grandchildren, other relatives and friends request the pious reader to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His body lies in state at the St. Alphonsus de Liguori Chapels at Magallanes Village.

Interment will be on Tuesday, 4 November 2003, at the Manila Memorial Park, Sucat Road, Parañaque, Metro Manila after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Magallanes Village Parish Church.

Felicidad Laceda Ornedo

of Boac, Marinduque

Passed away in the Grace of our Lord
on October 25, 2003 at the age of 94.

Her bereaved sisters **Esperanza Ornedo-Palacio, Filomena Ornedo-Raon, Concepcion L. Ornedo** her sister-in-law **Erlinda Adlawan-Ornedo**; and her nephews, nieces and their respective families request your prayers for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her body lies in state at the Loyola Memorial Chapel-M, Edsa, Guadalupe, Makati City.

Her interment will be on November 4, 2003, 9:00 a.m. at Himlayang Pilipino in Tandang Sora, Quezon City.

Message of Thanks

We, the family of the late

Milagros Lontok Katigbak

who passed away in the Grace of our Lord
on October 22, 2003

wish to express our deepest appreciation
to all of you, our friends and relatives,
who sent Mass cards, letters of sympathy,
spent precious time with us
and expressed love, concern and support
in many other ways during our time
of deepest sorrow.

We Lovingly Remember

The 8th Death Anniversary of our Father

JOSE (Pepito) I. TORRES

who joined his Creator on October 31, 1995

Holy Masses for his eternal peace will be offered today
at the following churches:

1. **St. Jerome the Parish Church** Ayala-Alabang, Muntinlupa	6:15 AM
2. **St. Jerome Emiliani & St. Susana Parish Church** Ayala, Muntinlupa City	6:00 AM
3. **Sanctuario de San Antonio Parish Church** Forbes Park, Makati City	6:30 AM
4. **Sanctuario de Santo Cristo Parish Church** San Juan, Metro Manila	6:00 PM
5. **St. John the Baptist Church** Pinaglabanan, San Juan	6:00 AM
6. **St. Alphonsus Mary de Liguori** Magallanes Village, Makati	7:00 AM
7. **Archdiocesan Shrine of the Divine Mercy** Maysilo St., Mandaluyong City	3:00 PM
8. **Parish of Our Lady of the Abandoned** Sta. Ana, Manila	7:00 PM
9. **Sacred Heart Parish Church** Kamuning, Quezon City	5:30 AM

We, the family, would like to request relatives, friends
and pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.
May his soul rest in peace with the Lord.

LEONIDA JOSE VDA DE PLATON

Passed away in the Grace of Our Lord
on October 28, 2003 at the age of 87.

Her bereaved children **Corazon & Renato Dionisio, Ernesto & Arlene, Consuelo Vaca, Arcadia & Erroll de Luna, Romarico & Rose, Prisca Salvador, Jr. & Luzviminda, Jose & Nenita, Arnel & Chris,** and **Celia**; grandchildren and great grandchildren, other relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her body lies in state at the Loyola Memorial Chapels in Marikina City.

Interment will be held on Thursday, November 6, 2003 after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Loyola Memorial Chapel.

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Her sisters **Efigenia** (†) and **Veronica**; niece **Chit** and husband **Nol**; grandnephews **Jay** and **Jimbo** and wife **Joteen**; grandniece **Meryl**; great grandnephews **Mio, Cito** and **Jaxi**; cousins and other relatives; colleagues in the teaching profession, Catholic Women's League and the Girl and Boy Scouts Movement request your kind thoughts and prayers.

Her remains lie in state at their family residence in Pamplona, Cagayan.

Interment will be on Tuesday, 4 November 2003 after the 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Peter the Martyr and St. John Nepomuceno Parish Church, Pamplona, Cagayan.

I COR. 15:51 "Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed..."

In Loving Memory of

PROF. JOSE R. LEANDICHO, SR.

of Cabanatuan City, N.E.
(January 5, 1911 - October 23, 2003)

His children **NILDA, CORA, JOEY** and **DALENA, LANIE** and **JAY, HERNANI** and **JACKIE**; siblings **PURING, FELY** and **MELY**; grandchildren **JUN** and **MARLYN, BUBUT** and **RONNIE, JAM-JAM, CHRIS, BIMBO** and **SHARON, SOL, MICHAEL, MARVIN** and **YESSE, BRYAN, TIFFANY, GREG, PETER, CHRIS, AIKO, MAE, ENAN, RANDY, ROSELIE**; and great grandchildren **REYZELYN, DIANA** and **KRISHA** all join in prayer in thanksgiving to the Lord for the life and example of their beloved "DADDY."

His body lies in state at the Villaluz Subd., Cabanatuan City and will eventually be transferred at the UNITED METHODIST CITY TEMPLE, Del Pilar St. cor. Sanciangco St., on November 6, 2003. Interment will be on November 8 (Saturday) 9 am at the Sagrada Familia Memorial Park, Cabanatuan City.

IN MEMORY

CHARLES L. GO

Former Head of our Hongkong Branch

Peacefully joined his Creator
October 29, 2003

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extend their prayers and
sincerest condolences to his wife and family.

His body lies in state at the
Arlington Memorial Chapel, G. Araneta, Quezon City.
Interment will be on November 5, 2003.

CHARLES L. GO

Peacefully joined his Creator
October 29, 2003

His wife **Eleanor**; loving children **Herbert**, **Helen**, **Winston** & **Wan**, **Grace** & **Tom**; grandchildren **Francis** & **Nancee**, **Michael**, **David Martin**, **Kamesh**, **Danielle Christine**, **Stephanie**; and great grandchildren **John Dominic**, **Chris Mathew**, **Courtney**, **Garrett**, & **Steven**; relatives and friends request pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His body lies in state at the Arlington Memorial Chapel, G. Araneta, Quezon City. Interment will be on November 5, 2003.

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OBITUARY REQUIREMENTS:

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Her body lies in state at their home, 816 Inocencio St., San Roque, Cavite, City.

She will be laid to rest on Sunday at Himlayang Caviteño after a 1 p.m. Mass at the San Roque Parish Church.

ATTY. BUENAVENTURA A. RIVERO

"TATAY ORENG"

of Meycauayan, Bulacan

Peacefully joined his Creator on Monday, 27th of October 2003 at the age of 100.

His beloved wife **AGRIFINA D. SORIANO** (†); children **ZENAIDA** (†), **ROSARIO** and **BEN**, **CONCHITA** (†) and **MON**, **CORAZON** (†) and **FERDIE**, **MILAGROS** and **MANENG**, **MANUEL** and **ANGIE**, and all his grandchildren, great grandchildren nephews and nieces, request prayers for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at their residence at Calvario, Meycauayan, Bulacan in front of Meycauayan College.

Interment will take place on Sunday, November 2, 2003 at Meycauayan Memorial Park (Zamora) following the 2:00 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Francis de Assisi Church of Meycauayan, Bulacan.

Celebrate life at the Heritage Park

IN OBSERVANCE of All Saints Day, the Heritage Park celebrates life as a way of paying tribute to the departed without the hassles that usually accompany visits to the cemetery during the holiday.

Starting in the morning of October 31, the Heritage park opens its facility for family-oriented activities such as kite-making and fishing, with exciting prices awaiting contest winners for these activities. In the afternoon a trick or treat event is scheduled where families register as a team. This will be followed by a musical presentation featuring the international award-winning, Mandaluyong Children's Chorus and the upcoming diva, Yamani. For those who will stay overnight inside the park, they can watch a free film showing on an outdoor setting.

On November 1, gravesite blessing is scheduled in the morning while a Eucharistic celebration to be officiated by Rev. Fr. Mario Sobrejuanite will be held at 4 p.m. Children and adults can continue to engage a kite-flying and fishing. Starting at 6 p.m. a symbolic candle-lighting ceremony will be conducted to honor the departed.

Well-known concessionaires will put up booths for the convenience of families. An information booth will also be installed inside the park to assist families, guests and visitors in locating the gravesites.

For more details about these events, plese call 845-2334 to 38. The Heritage Park is located in Fort Bonifacio at the corner of Bayani Road and C-5, Taguig.

Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

Matthew 10:39

"Come to me all you who are weary & burdened and I will give you rest"
Matthew 11:28

NERISA TUNGOL OLALIA

October 04, 1944 · October 29, 2003

Her husband **Thor**; children **Liza** and **Pipoy**; **Bojo**; grandchildren **Bastin** and **Alyssa**; mother **Victoria Garcia Tungol**, brother and sisters, in-laws, relatives and friends, request pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her body lies in state at the Holy Trinity Memorial Chapels, Sucat Road, Parañaque City.

Interment will be at the Manila Memorial Park, Sucat Road, Parañaque City on November 5, 2003 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass

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"...absent with the body to be present with the Lord."

Matthew 10:39

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Running into the future with AVIA USA

AVIA USA, a leading American sports performance footwear brand enters the Philippine market, and after much anticipation, Avia USA was launched at The Podium mall through an exciting show.

As part of Avia's advocacy, the Avia USA 10K Run 2K3 marathon kicked off at the CCP Complex Ground to promote revolutionary running experience. The event was attended by three thousand running aficionados and amateurs alike.

Both events were deemed as successful initial steps in penetrating the local market and promoting running for fitness.

Since its inception in 1979, Avia has continued to fly high with its breakthrough designs in athletic footwear. The footwear brand was established by American entrepreneur Jerry Stubblefield in Oregon. While flying on a jet, Stubblefield thought of the word "avia" — derived from the Latin term meaning "to fly" — and used it as a brand name for a sports shoe to suggest aviation.

Stubblefield and his son Don, an engineering grduate from Stanford, Developed shoe designs that revolutionized athletic footwear. The father and son tandem created many innovative shoe designs, such as the widely imitated cantilever sole, which helped make Avia USA a leader in the industry.

Due to the strength of Stubblefield's creative vision, Avia was able to break into the basketball market and signed up professional basketball giants like Robert Parish, John Stockton, Scottie Pippen, Jerome Kersey, Clyde Drexler, Robert Pack and Dell Curry.

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3	125 sq.m. TCT T-507182 w/ 4 BR 2 TB one storey-duplex unit	L4-E Realica Res., Pulo, Cabuyao, Laguna	382,800.00
4	180 sq.m. TCT T-421935 w/ 4 BR 2 TB one storey-duplex unit	L12 B3 Shineland Village, Bo. Sala, Cabuyao, Laguna	430,000.00
5	148 sq.m. TCT T-507175 w/ 4 BR 2 TB one storey-duplex unit	L10 B2 Console Village, Bo. Niugan, Cabuyao, Laguna	439,300.00
6	150 sq.m. TCT T-507174 w/ 4 BR 2 TB one storey-duplex unit	L16 B2 Console Village, Bo. Niugan, Cabuyao, Laguna	407,900.00
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11	150 sq.m. TCT T-417839 lot only	L15 B1 Console Village, Bo. San Vicente, San Pedro, Laguna	405,000.00
12	149 sq.m. TCT T-507179 w/ 3 BR 1 TB one storey-single unit	L31-B St. Francis Homes III, Bo. San Vicente, San Pedro, Laguna	516,000.00
13	174 sq.m. TCT T-421936 w/ 4 BR 2 TB one storey-duplex unit	L41 B4 Console Village, Bo. Dila, Phase IV, Sta. Rosa, Laguna	461,200.00
14	120 sq.m. TCT T-417906 w/ 2 BR 1 TB one storey-single unit	L19 B2 Console Village, Bo. Dila, Phase V, Sta. Rosa, Laguna	324,600.00
15	120 sq.m. TCT T-421937 w/ 2 BR 1 TB one storey-single unit	L23 B6 Console Village, Bo. Dila, Phase V, Sta. Rosa, Laguna	334,100.00
16	150 sq.m. TCT T-417907 w/ 3 BR 1 TB one storey-single detached	L5 B7 Panoráma Ville Subdivision, Bo. Dila, Sta. Rosa, Laguna	510,700.00
17	207 sq.m. TCT T-507176 w/ 2 BR 1 TB one storey-single unit	L3 B6 Maja Subdivision, Bo. Dila, Sta. Rosa, Laguna	399,200.00
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Complete description/specification of the properties including Bidding Forms and Instruction to Bidders are available at Loans Section, 3rd Floor, SSS Bldg., corner M. Paulino and Balaglas Blvd., San Pablo City. Please contact Ms. Edna C. Suanino-Tanguin or Ms. Rosette S. Arandia at telephone nos. (049) 562-1512 and (049) 562-6920.

Sealed bids should be dropped at the Bid Box located at 2nd Floor, SSS Building, San Pablo City from 8:00 a.m. to 1:59 p.m. on November 21, 2003. The bids should be labeled Acquired Assets Disposal Committee c/o Social Security System San Pablo City.

(Sgd.) ARTURO SAN GABRIEL
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Acquired Assets Disposal Committee

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Brothers vow to keep connected in Globe TVC

GLOBE has a lot to answer for. By pioneering digital cell phone technology, it has virtually changed the way Filipinos communicate-from the way friendships are forged to the way various relationships are nurtured. No longer do we see the phone as just another utility like electricity or water, but more, as with a Globe Handyphone with the new Prepaid 64K X-treme Memory SIM, a bridge between lifestyles, allowing us to connect with loved ones, anytime, anywhere.

Picture this poignant scene from Globe's commercial promoting its new tie-up with Jollibee: two brothers about to part having what may be their last meal together for a long time at a Jollibee store. College life in the city beckons for the younger one, while an established life in the province ties his kuya home. Circumstances may force them apart, but kuya's protective, brotherly instincts prompt him to bestow his beloved bunso a bittersweet gift: a Globe Handyphone with the Prepaid 64 K X-treme Memory SIM to keep them connected as they pursue different destinies together.

This gift of connectivity ensures that, even despite the distance, brothers can grow up secure in each other's constant, inescapable company. After all, as an adage goes, the older we get, the more we need people who knew us when we were young-like our siblings. Even when times are tough, you can count on kuya for a Globe Prepaid 64K X-treme Memory SIM, a treat at a nearby Jollibee, or even a brand new Globe Prepaid cell phone.

"The Philippines may be one of the few countries in the world that places such a high regard for first-borns or kuyas. His love for his siblings is glue that holds a family together. That's why I enjoyed doing this ad. It is able to promote good values, at the same time, it shows the positive role Globe's connectivity plays in a relationship," said Mae Paner, the TV ad's director.

Globe and Jollibee, two companies known for their commitment to strengthening the Filipino family through mobile technology and happy moments respectively, have tied up to deliver even more happiness. Until Oct. 31, every purchase of a Globe Prepaid 64K X-treme Memory SIM entitles Globe subscribers to a free 2-piece Chickenjoy meal or Spaghetti Special-Regular Yum meal at any Jollibee store nationwide. "This partnership makes sense on a lot of levels: Jollibee and Globe have a lot in common where the welfare and happiness of our subscribers or customers are concerned and both have staunchly supported values formation, as well as meaningful impacts in the ways Filipinos connect with their family and friends," said Chinky Alcedo, Head of Globe Handyphone Marketing.

"Jollibee takes pride in this partnership, especially as we celebrate our 25th anniversary this year. This will allow us to foster connectivity and love within the Filipino family. Nothing makes us happier," added Inez S. Reyes, Jollibee vice president for marketing.

Literally and figuratively, we may all be "poles apart"-but that's one expression that has already met its demise thanks to Globe Handyphone's brand of connectivity, which has become the bedrock of enduring, endearing relationships. Now, for siblings and anyone else who has been touched by another's love, there are truly no goodbyes.

ICE SKATERS' VICTORY PARTY

The SM Ice Skating Rink recently hosted a victory party at the Saisaki Restaurant at SM Megamall for the SM Megamall and SM Southmall teams who recently competed at the Recreational World Ice Skating Championships 2003 in Chicago. Both teams did the country proud with a total medal haul of 51 gold, 42 silver, and 10 bronze medals, showing the Filipinos' fire on ice. On hand to congratulate them were SM's Hans Sy and Ric Camaligan, Philippine Olympics Committee president Celso Dayrit and Pepsi's Felix Yu. The members of the team are Brian Choi, Sophia Choi, Abraham Domdom, Dale Marcus Feliciano, Ana Beatrice Jose, Francesca Laureano, Jose Camille Malabed, Andrea Louise Miller, Nikkie Anne Nicholas, Catherine Louise Miller, Cara Vanessa Vidamo and Kristine Velez.

'HALLOWEEKEND AT TAGAYTAY HIGHLANDS'

The 'Halloweekend at Tagaytay Highlands' features Nyoy Volante (inset) and Mannos back-to-back with Route '70 Band (shown). It's going to be a great mix of acoustic sounds and dance music from the '70s. This is a party you shouldn't miss. The show happens at the Highlands Amphitheater on Nov. 1, Saturday at 9 p.m. Call (046) 413-2033 for inquires or ticket reservations.

The year of affordable cholesterol therapy

PATIENTS from all over the country who benefited from a reasonably priced cholesterol-lowering therapy wrote letters of gratitude and commendation to Therapharma, a division of Unilab, which introduced an affordable brand of simvastatin a year ago. Therapharma's simvastatin was priced half or less compared to other brands of statins.

A series of scientific meetings and celebrations dubbed by Therapharma as the 1st year V-day of the affordable simvastatin was held all over the country to pay tribute to the doctors who overwhelmingly supported Therapharma's product, as well as the company's Health Plus Value Program, which is in line with Unilab's mission of making medicines more affordable to the Filipino family.

The success of this program indicated that Filipino physicians and patients are now conscious about pharmacoeconomics, which aims to promote drugs which cost less but effective in treating the patient's medical problems and improving the quality and longevity of their lives.

Medical observers also note that a major indicator of the impact of Unilab's pharmacoeconomics campaign is that giant multinational companies have rolled back their prices and new product introductions, particularly in the cholesterol-lowering class of drugs, are now more reasonable. "We should give credit to Unilab's courageous effort to make the multinational giants follow their trail in bringing down the cost of essential medicines," a heart specialist said.

This is definitely a big cause for celebration especially for the many Filipinos who have not been able to sustain their medication because of the prohibitive price of most medicines, especially those needed for the long-term treatment of chronic diseases such as high blood pressure, diabetes, cholesterol problems and lung diseases.

In the field of cardiovascular diseases, an estimated 1.6 million Filipinos are diagnosed with high cholesterol, but there are still millions who are left undiagnosed. More than half of those who are aware that their cholesterol levels are a cause for alarm cannot afford to sustain their cholesterol-lowering treatment. Being a major risk factor of cardiovascular disease, this gap in the battle against cholesterol is one major reason why cardiovascular disease remains to be the leading cause of death in the country.

Making healthcare affordable is therefore one of the most important factors that need to be addressed to assure that cardiovascular disease, the leading cause of death in the country, can be prevented. This is the objective of Unilab and all its divisions. By providing pharmacoeconomic drugs, Unilab and its divisions' executives are optimistic that they can change the paradigm or practices of determining healthcare cost.

"We have not only prevented unnecessary price increases on the statin market but I believe we have contributed to the realization of the impossible, and that is for other companies to reduce prices of their drugs", said James Dio, Therapharma general manager, in a speech during their statin's first birthday celebration.

The price rollback was the first time the medical industry has experienced in years. Patients are definitely the one at the winning end with the 57-percent reduction implemented by a multinational company and the upcoming rollbacks that can be expected from other drug companies as they try to match the prices of pharmacoeconomic drugs.

Because of this overwhelming success of the affordable statin and all other pharmacoeconomic drugs, Therpharma and the rest of the Unilab divisions are renewing its commitment of providing the Filipino patient affordable pharmacoeconomic drugs especially for those suffering from hypertension and diabetes.

Therapharma has also announced its plans of launching a new anti-hypertensive drug in the market next year. With the continuous patronage of doctors and patients, it is hoped that pharmacoeconomic drugs will constantly challenge expensive medicines, and consequently make healthcare cost in the Philippines within the Filipino patient's reach.

Furniture Fashion Forecast

PREPARATIONS are now underway for the holding of the Furniture Fashion Forecast at the 25th Philippine Furniture Festival (PFF) this coming November, overall chair Samie Lim announced today. Organized by the Chamber of Furniture Industries of the Philippines (CFIP), the annual festival aims to trailblaze and lead the rest of Asia in defining lifestyle for the new century.

For the first time in its 25-year history, the PFF introduces the concept of furniture fashion forecast in the country. Billed as Furniture Fashion Forecast, the festival will be transformed into one giant show that previews the "must have" pieces of furniture for next year. Thus, PFF as industry trendsetter will inject the elements of fashion, style and design in its exhibits.

Five concepts will be introduced and these are new luxury, sophisticated fun, floral renaissance, camouflage and cross-culture.

CFIP president Nicolaas De Lange said the festival would also feature a series of design forecast seminars focusing on various topics of interior design to be conducted by design gurus from the Philippine Institute of Interior Designers (PIID). Topics include "The ABC of Interior Design," "Choosing A Design," "Colors and Trends," "Designing for the Senses," "Feng Shui for Interior Designs," "Floral Arrangements," " Colors and Trends Forecast," and "Workshops on Color Rendering."

According to Lim, "we would like to impress upon the mindset of the Filipino consumers that they should not buy furniture based on functionality alone. We in CFIP believe that in order to achieve that happy and pleasing kind of lifestyle, they must factor in comfort as well as style."

Furniture Fashion Forecast will be held from Nov. 7 to 16 at the Megatrade Halls 2 & 3, SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City. For inquiries, call the CFIP office at 631-28-34, 632-9007, 910-6630 or e-mail at info@cfip.com.

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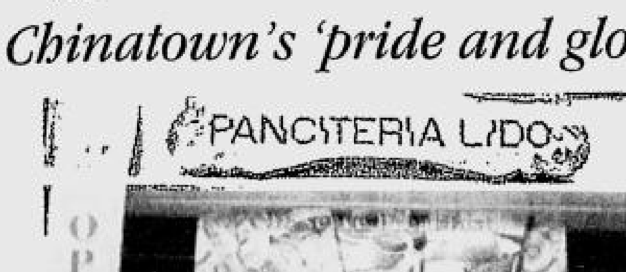
Chinatown's 'pride and glory'



CHINATOWN'S pride and glory Panciteria Lido (since 1936) is now open at the ground floor, Westlife Place, West Avenue corner Bulacan Street, Quezon City. The 67-year-old outlet is only one of the few surviving authentic panciterias, which has been a favorite hangout of different generations because of its delectable, classic Chinese cuisine. Watch out for its grand opening.

Clips

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KOTEX Newtex doesn't just offer you the better protection, it gives you an extra maxi pad completely free. Until today, you get one free Kotex Newtex Maxi Pad with your every purchase of Kotex Newtex Maxi Pads 8-pack at any of your favorite supermarkets nationwide. Kotex Newtex pads are quality products of Kimberly-Clark Philippines. For questions and comments, write Kimberly-Clark consumer products division through Consumer-Care.ph@kcc.com or call 884-6402.

UCARE promo

MORE and more people are getting richer these days because of UCARE Milk's Tseke Pares Panalo, Instant Milyonaryo promo. This promo runs until today, Oct. 31. So hurry, you, too, can win loads of money and get the chance to be an instant millionaire. Buy UCARE Powdered Milk Drink or UCARE 1-2-3 and see if the half check in front of the pack matches with the other half of the check inside the UCARE milk products. UCARE Powdered Milk Drink is the nutritious milk drink that has 25-plus nutrients for the brain, body and bones for kids 4 to 12 years old. For children aged 1 to 3 years old, give them UCARE 1-2-3 with Growth Boosters for brain, body and resistance.

Portrait expert's offer

BOB RAZON, the dean of Philippine portraiture, celebrates 60 years in the business with a once-in-a-lifetime offer you shouldn't miss. Until today, choose from among five medium to life-size presentations: 16x20, 20x24, 24x36, 30x40, 40x60, and get your complimentary framed portrait of the same size. A rare gift printed on canvas, fitted in imported wooden frames, and signed by the portrait master himself. Don't miss this rare opportunity to be among the important figures in Philippine society who have graced the lens of the master. For inquiries, call 524-1777, 523-1533 (Malate) and 844-4899 or 816-1567 (Makati).

Casio's Boracay trip

PLAY in style, enjoy music, and get unexpected extras and surprises along the way. Music enthusiasts have until the close of store hours today, Oct. 31, to qualify to win big prizes that include an entertainment showcase (Samsung Tantuz TV, DVD player and Sony CD cassette), a computer (Intel Celeron 1.7 GHz) and printer (HP Deskjet 3550), or round-trip tickets for two to Boracay (Club Panoly Resort) with 3-day, 2-night room accommodation. The Pasasalamat, an annual tradition rewarding Casio's loyal customers, is part of Casio's series of promo events to cultivate Filipinos' love and talent for music. For every purchase of any Casio keyboards, customers get one raffle coupon for a chance to win any of the exciting showcases. The raffle draw shall be held at the Casio showroom at the ground level, SM Southmall on Nov. 15, at 3 p.m.

Hallmark cards for Maya hotcakes

HALLMARK Cards and Maya whip up a treat for pancake lovers with an appetite for expressing thoughts through affectionate and inspiring lines. Every purchase of 500-gram Maya original and complete hotcake mix comes with free Hallmark greeting cards. The promo runs until today, Oct. 31 at leading supermarkets and grocery stores in Metro Manila.

Ducks pre-Christmas promo

DUCKS Unlimited ends its discount promo today in its pre-Christmas treat for all loyal customers. Until today, Oct. 31, get a discount coupon worth P50 for every minimum net purchase of P500 worth of Ducks Unlimited products. The discount coupon will be redeemable on your next purchase. Coupons can be redeemed until Dec. 31. Ducks Unlimited is a locally manufactured line of shirts, pants, shorts and jackets for men, women and children, made of 100-percent Egyptian cotton for that cool and comfortable fit. Ducks Unlimited stores are located at Glorietta 3 in Makati, Robinsons Place Ermita, Robinsons Galleria, Landmark, Shoppesville Greenhills, Ali Mall and Festival Mall Alabang.

2nd Igan Cup

THE 2ND Igan Cup Invitational Golf Tournament, a fund-raising project of the Igan Foundation dedicated to uplifting the lives of children with life-threatening illnesses, will be held this Nov. 7 at the Eastridge Golf and Country Club, Binangonan Rizal. The first Igan Cup was held last year at the Aguinaldo Golf Course with showbiz celebrities and high government officials headed by then Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes gracing the 160-compliments of Par busters. Organizing committee chair businessman Gary Vazquez said, "For the first time, a two bedroom Vazbuilt house, in addition to one Toyota car would be given to the golfer who holes-in-one out par-3 holes nos. 12 and 8." Early sponsors of this Golf Tournament include Universal Robina Corp, San Miguel Corp, Unilever Philippines Inc, Home Development Mutual Fund (Pag-ibig Fund), Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp, GMA Network Inc, United Auctioneers Inc and Vazquez Building Systems Corp (Vazbuilt Homes). For inquiries, call Vilma Anos at 367-0181/367-4611 or Col. Abe Villanueva at 927-3587.

Green Thumb Bazaar

GREEN Thumb, the latest name in fun gardening, is coming near you with the trendiest garden pots and even start-your-own garden kits, including a creative pot, potting soil, and gardening tools. Bring verdant life into your home, hassle-free. Break away from the monotony of brown ceramic pots. Watch out for them in these bazaars: Nov. 8 and 9 and 22 and 23 at the Cuenca Community Center in Ayala Alabang, Nov. 15 and 16 at the Green Meadows Clubhouse, and Nov. 29 and 30 at the Santuario de San Antonio Social Hall. For inquiries and ordering information, call or text 0927-3006384 or e-mail gtinfo@yahoo.com.

PCS homecoming

PACO Catholic School invites alumni to the Grand Alumni Homecoming on Dec. 6, Saturday, 6 p.m. at the PCS Grounds. The homecoming is dubbed "PCS7825-Connecting Paconians", and is sponsored by Batch '78, this year's Silver Jubilarians. For details, call Virnel Ventura at 0917-5375949, Sally Sanchez-Mabaquiao at 632-5624, 0917-8885625 or Celle Culsia-Caballero 0917-8353209.

Supporting DLSU-GSB Night

SOME of the country's prominent corporations and institutions avowed their support to the De La Salle University Professional Schools Inc Graduate School of Business (DLSU PSI-GSB) during the annual GSB Night held recently at the Century Park Hotel Grand Ballroom. Among those who sponsored the event were the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes, United Coconut Planters Bank, Eligardi Enterprises Inc, Philippine Multi-Media Systems Inc, MIC Holdings, Smart Communications, Infocom Technologies, IBC-13, Air 21, A. Forbes Philippine Risk Services Inc, Gloria Maris, Change Management International, Eagle Clark, and Integrated Computer System. Proceeds from the event were donated to this year's beneficiary Evolve Philippines. The gathering was dubbed "6 Degrees of Green," and proved an overwhelming success.

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The Canadian Embassy, Manila
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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The **PROCUREMENT SERVICE (PS)** invites GEPS registered suppliers to apply for eligibility and to bid for the **SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF PERSONAL COMPUTERS** for **the Department of Budget and Management.**

The approved budget for the contract to be bid is **P3,120,000.00.**

All interested parties are invited to attend the Pre-bid Conference on **November 07, 2003, 9:30 A.M.** at the **PS Conference Room, Room 207, PS Complex, Cristobal St., Paco, Manila.**

The bid document shall be available at the **PS-PURCHASING DIVISION** starting **October 24, 2003** upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Five Hundred Pesos (Php 500.00).**

The bidders shall drop their duly accomplished eligibility requirements, technical and financial proposals in three separate sealed envelopes in the bid box located at the **PS Conference Room** at the above mentioned address. Deadline for submission and receipt of bids shall be on **November 20, 2003 at 9:30 A.M.**

For more information, please call the **PS-Purchasing Division** at telephone nos. **561-60-98 or 563-94-02.**

PS reserves the right to waive any formality in the responses to the eligibility requirements and to this invitation. PS further reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, or declare a failure of bidding, or not award the contract, and makes no assurance that a contract shall be entered into as a result of this invitation.

(Sgd.) EDUARDO P. OPIDA
Chairman, IABAC

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Zonta International district 17 honors Justice Cecilia Muñoz Palma

JUSTICE Cecilia Muñoz Palma received the Zonta International District 17 Awards of Recognition and was conferred a medallion of honor for her outstanding contributions to Zonta from District Governor Ma. Imelda Dandy Gomez. Photo shows Zonta International Vice President Betty Jane Bourdon, Justice Palma, Governor Gomez and Conference Organizing Committee Chair, Nonie Basilio.

ZONTA International District 17 paid tribute to the contribution of retired Justice Cecilia Muñoz Palma to the Zonta movement and to the advancement of the status of women in particular. She was cited for being, among others, the "embodiment of the empowered woman," during the Opening Ceremony of the 12th Zonta International District 17 Conference held recently at the Shangri-la EDSA Plaza Hotel.

Having been its first elected Area Director and later, District 17 Governor, Justice Palma is one of the pillars of Zonta International not only in the Philippines but also in the other member countries.

Referred to as a "national treasure," Palma was the first woman justice of the Supreme Court. She stood her ground in defending the Constitution against the Marcos dictatorship. An ardent nationalist, she was elected to the Constitutional convention in 1973.

Zonta International is a worldwide organization of leaders in business and the professions.

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

Interested manufacturers are invited to pre-qualify and bid for the supply and delivery of office equipment (filing, safe file and storage steel cabinets) for the Lower Courts.

The approved budget for the contract is Three Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (P3,750,000.00).

Prospective manufacturers may secure pre-qualification requirements and bid documents from the Secretariat, Committee on Bids, Property Division, Supreme Court, after payment of a non-refundable fee of **Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00).**

I. SUBMISSION OF PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

All pre-qualification requirements of prospective bidders must be personally submitted by the duly authorized representative on November 12, 2003 at exactly 2:00 p.m., 3rd Floor, Session Hall, Old Bldg., Supreme Court.

II. PRE-BID CONFERENCE

The pre-bid conference of pre-qualified bidders shall be on November 14, 2003 at 2:00 p.m., 3rd Floor, Session Hall, Old Bldg., Supreme Court.

III. OPENING OF BIDS

Only bids of pre-qualified bidders who participated in the pre-bid conference will be accepted and opened in the presence of the bidders or their authorized representatives on November 26, 2003 at 2:00 p.m., 3rd Floor, Session Hall, Old Bldg., Supreme Court.

The Committee on Bids reserves the right to reject any or all bids waive any defects or informalities therein, or accept any bid/s or offer/s which it may consider to be advantageous and beneficial to the government.

October 22, 2003.

(Sgd.) JOSE P. PEREZ
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The Simple Sixties and Adobong Mani

During the early 60's, life was much simpler. There were no flyovers at that time and the only rail transit system was the Philippine National Railway. There were no malls either, only department stores. SM was simply Shoemart, a shoe store in Carriedo, Quiapo. There were no McDonald's or Jollibee fastfood places then. For merienda, people would settle for hopia, ampao, siopao, or pansit guisado.

Back then, students had only their baon and a handful of snack foods to choose from every time they rush towards the nearest sari - sari store. There were biscuits, imported chocolate bars and chicharon. The most popular snack; however, was peanuts, especially the adobong mani (peanut roasted in oil). Wrapped in a small paper bag, adobong mani was always favored due to its aroma and flavor. However, adobong mani was notorious for being too oily. Oil would seep through the paper bag making it too oily to handle and susceptible to tear. Moreover, too much oil was considered unhealthy.

Garlic-Flavored, Less Grease Peanuts Anyone?

It was against this backdrop that a soft-spoken, gentle person saw an opportunity to start a small business at his own residence in Blumentritt, Manila. Mr. Shu Too Thip, a peanut-lover himself, is a Filipino of Chinese descent. He was still a salesman for a pastry company when his love for peanuts and penchant for experimenting sparked a revolutionary concept in roasting peanuts - the Garlic Flavored Less Grease Roasted Peanut.

My husband loved peanuts, but he found the adobo peanuts too oily," said Mrs. Shu Too. Mr. Shu Too had several ideas on what business to venture into but he decided to concentrate first on making a less grease peanut snack.

Mrs. Shu Too said that they first tested the product to see if consumers would like the less grease roasted peanuts. "Back then, it was the first of its kind".

After perfecting the formulation, Mr. Shu Too assembled the roasting machines piece by piece. Soon his garage was transformed into a mini-factory of the Growers peanuts.

It was a home industry. We started with a few workers, about 6 people, who did the processing and the packing," said Mrs. Shu Too.

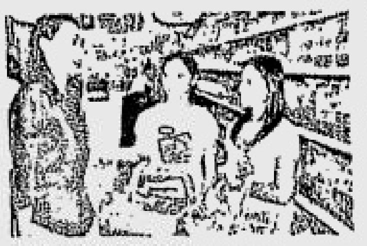
Less Gains More.

The garage factory initially produced only around 30 kgs. a day of the less grease roasted peanuts. Packed in 16-gram pouches sporting red vertical stripes on a silver background, Growers was primarily sold in school stores Mr. Shu Too had contact with when he was still a pastry salesman. Soon the demand for the new product began increasing as people began asking where they come from.

"Stores in Divisoria started calling us. That was the time we had to increase production and started giving in to wholesalers".

Only a year after its official operation, Growers had begun its expansion. It transferred its operation to Valenzuela to address the growing demand. The design of the packaging of the product was further improved and the name "Growers" was printed in bright red letters against the now-familiar yellow and green backdrop.

It didn't take long before Growers was sold all over Metro Manila and key cities nationwide. Baby-boomers today can easily associate themselves with Growers as part of their childhood memories.



The recently launched Growers Crumble Nuts being promoted at supermarkets

Steady Growth thru the Changing Times

In 1986, Growers Food Industries was incorporated as GFI Enterprises, Inc. It also marked the passing of its founder and visionary, Mr. Shu Too Thip.

Today, under the leadership of Mr. Kynan Shu Too, the eldest son of the founder, Growers has come a long way from its modest backyard business. Growers presence is strongly felt in leading supermarkets, hypermarts and convenience stores in all key cities nationwide. Through wholesalers, GROWERS peanuts have found their way to schools, mini-groceries and sari-sari stores. GROWERS also serve the peanuts requirements of shipping lines as well as airlines. It is also used as a flavorful ingredient in cookies and confectionaries of major bakeshops and biscuit manufacturers.

GROWERS is also exported to US, Canada, Italy, France, Holland, Switzerland, Middle East, Australia, Korea, Hong Kong, Japan and Taiwan, among others.

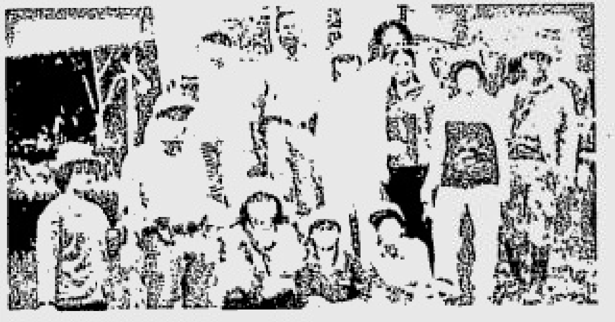
Now celebrating its 40th anniversary, Growers continues to evolve and refresh itself. Now driven by a youthful and vibrant "Sarap Panggigilan!" campaign, Growers continues to position itself to the young generation as the health nut that is an extremely likeable and fun companion.

GROWERS remains to be the leading brand among Less Grease Peanuts. One reason behind consumer preference for GROWERS is GFI's steadfast policy on quality standard. At GFI, quality is the major responsibility not only of the Quality Control Department, but of every employee of GFI and of MarketReach, its exclusive distributor. Quality inspection starts from the receiving of raw materials, to the processing, packing of the finish goods up to the time it reaches supermarket shelves. A regular field audit is conducted to make sure products on display are within GROWERS quality standards.

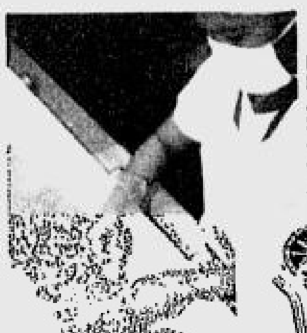
GFI continues to tackle major developmental projects slowly but surely. Mr. Kendrick Shu Too as Vice President plays a very important role in GFI's plant expansion and modernization. A forward-looking entrepreneur, Mr. Kendrick brings in a lot of modern concepts and technological innovations that would prove invaluable in plant operations.

The second generation Shu Too family, under the able stewardship of the Chairman of the Board, Mrs. Lily Shu Too, has been successful in coping with the times and has continued to expand to new horizons consistent with Mr. Shu Too Thip's vision. As they look forward to another 40 years of success, the second generation Shu Too family foresees further growth in the snack food enterprise a peanut helped build.

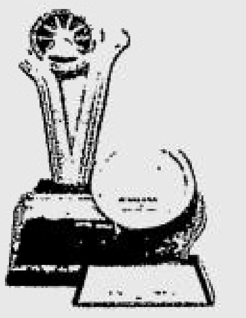
GROWERS in 2050? Yes, why not? And surely.



NATURE TRIPPIN' WITH A CAUSE
Growers, as part of its 40th anniversary celebration, gave a symbolic gesture of gratitude to mother nature by adopting several trees at the La Mesa Watershed Tree-Planting Project. Seated (from left) Mildred Dizon, Penchie Buella and Loida Calonsag (all from MarketReach); standing (from left) Myrna Fajardo (GFI); Ricky Semilla, sales manager of MarketReach; Sheila Grace Salvador (GFI), Kynan Shu Too, president of GFI;Val Mendoza, La Mesa Watershed specialist; Mary L. Uy, president and general manager, MarketReach; David Azurin, project supervisor II at La Mesa Watershed; Kristine Abigael De Castro of ABS-CBN Bantay-Kalikasan and Atanacio Sta. Cruz of La Mesa Watershed.



PILING-PILI, PURUNG-PURO ANG PEANUT SARAP. Only the choicest nuts go to every pack of growers



PROOF OF EXCELLENCE. From left, 19th Annual National Consumers Quality Award for Top Peanut Brand in 2003 and Consumers Choice Annual Award for Best Selling Peanut Snack in 2002.

Thank You for the First 40 Years

A Message from the Board of Directors

As we look back at our very first pack of Growers peanuts, we also take time to look back at the many faces who have helped us grow through the years.

First and foremost, we thank God for allowing us to be stewards of this enterprise and for the blessings that came with it. Our heartfelt gratitude also goes to our past and current employees with whom we have worked in reaching our corporate milestones. We also like to acknowledge our clients and consumers who have made Growers a household name. And we honor our founder, Mr. Shu Too Thip, whose dreams started it all. His examples never fail to inspire us to strive for consistent product excellence -- from our very first bag of peanuts to our present product lines; from our very first customer to our nationwide distribution.

Today, as we look forward to our next 40 years of growing, we promise to continue doing our best to maintain and even improve the Growers products that you have grown to love.

Lives a peanut helped build

The Summer Job That Went Beyond The Summer

Romeo Cruz was just a 17-year-old lad when he took the job of all-around help and delivery man at Growers Food Industries in 1968.

Originally from Quezon province, Kuya Romy, as he was fondly called, was invited by GFI owner, Mr. Shu Too Thip, who was also from the same province, to help in the new business. He accepted the offer as a summer job for two months, thinking he'd go back to Quezon afterwards. However, things didn't turn out the way he had planned. He enjoyed his job so much that he forgot that he was supposed to go back home. "I grew so fond of my job that I didn't even mind how much I was earning then nor did I notice I've been away for so long."

Some people in the place where I came from no longer recognize me when I went home to visit, because it's been so long. But I was really happy with my job."

Kuya Romy has been with the company for over 30 years. He is a witness to its growth which he is very much a part of. He said he stayed that long because the company established a very good relationship with its employees. "I learned a lot from this company. I learned how to deal and talk with people. And I'm proud of this company. I'm proud of the fact that I'm part of its success."

Because of his job in GFI, Kuya Romy was able to establish a life in Manila. He was able to raise a family and send his children to school. Romeo has two sons who are licensed engineers and a daughter with a management degree.

Currently the Distribution Services Supervisor, Romeo Cruz has been involved in the distribution of Growers products for 36 years.

A Company Driver Who Didn't Know How To Drive

Antonio "Coach" Bumotad and GFI founder, Mr. Shu Too Thip worked together in a pastry company in the early 1960's. According to Coach, among the salesmen, Mr. Shu Too was the first to leave the pastry company to start his peanuts snack business.

It didn't take long before Mr. Shu Too approached Coach to join him in his new business as a driver. Unfortunately, Coach, who was still a teenager then, didn't know how to drive.

Not only did Mr. Shu Too teach Coach how to drive, he even helped him get a driver's license. And that was the start of Bumotad's entry into Mr. Shu Too's business.

Thirty-seven years working in the company, Coach takes pride in having been able to send his children to college. His four children are now all professionals, two of them are engineers, another has a commerce degree and another one, a draftsman.

Coach said Mr. Shu Too, who was fondly referred to by employees as "Amo," was very fond of snacks. When he finds a particular snack, he would always try to discover how it was done. This goes for the peanuts, which Mr. Shu Too experimented upon, until he produced a less-grease roast.

Mr. Shu too is a very good man, a jack of all trades, and easy to be with. Maganda ang aming samahan," Bumotad said of his reason why he remained for so long with the company.

Antonio Bumotad, 62, has been with GFI for 37 years and continues to render service with much dedication.

GFI Management with the Diamond Service Awardees during Growers 40th Anniversary Celebration (from left) Kendrick Shu Too, vice president; Lily Shu Too, chairman of the board; Antonio Bumotad, Enrique Paduga, Juanito Valeña, Romeo Cruz, Alejandro Ferdinand and Kynan Shu Too, president.

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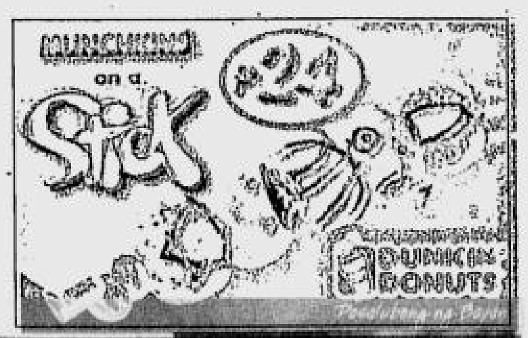

Serena still 'scared'

By Oliver M. Pulumbarit
Contributor

CHILD star Serena Dalrymple and her two sisters miss their parents most during holidays, school activities, and special occasions like Nov. 1, but they can't visit them as often as they wish.

Serena, 13, says visiting her departed parents in the cemetery as often as she could isn't as easy as it sounds.

"*Hindi kami maka-*visit *nang ganun-ganuon lang kasi sila* Mommy and Daddy *nakalibing sa* Cebu."

Her grandmother and her other ancestors are also buried in the southern province.

Her father, Scottish-American Robert Lloyd Dalrymple, died of a heart attack when she was about five. Her mother, Wilma Billones-Dalrymple, died a sudden death three years ago. Mrs. Dalrymple had just returned to Manila from a trip to Singapore when, all of a sudden, she succumbed to pneumonia.

Serena and her sisters Sarah and Samantha have since been under the care of an uncle.

Serena values her parents' virtues of hard work and responsibility, and losing her parents has instilled in her a fear of losing people dear to her.

"*May* phobia *na nga ako. Kapag may dumagdag na nawawala, parang ang* sad *naman. Siyempre noong una, mas mahirap. Pero* three years *nang wala si* Mommy, so *parang nasanay na kami.*"

The toughened young talent has survived the grief of being orphaned, and has since coped: "We moved on," she says, like a girl much older than her actual years. "*Pero naka-ka-*miss *'yung lambing nila sa akin.*"

They also miss spending the holidays with their parents.

"*Kapag* Christmas, *gumagawa si* Mommy *ng* small parties for us and our cousins," remembers Serena. "*Pupunta lang kami sa* Star City or *sa* Ice Snow Wonderland (on Roxas Boulevard, where there is artificial snow). *May* challenge *siya, 'yung pinakahuli lumabas doon sa* Wonderland, *may* cash prize.

"*Tapos* before, every new year, *ang hindi matulog, bibigyan ng* prize. *Siyempre lahat kami hindi matutulog. Kahit na makatulog ako, bibigyan niya pa rin ako, kasi* spoiled brat *ako dati.*"

Serena recalls that her dad was a bit strict, and that he never would have approved of her entering show biz.

"*May kumukuha sa akin sa* commercial," she says. "*Hindi siya pumayag.*"

A talent scout would later spot her in a procession, leading to her first popular TV commercial.

Her mom wouldn't admit it, but all the three Dalrymple girls felt that their mother wasn't beyond playing favorites. "*Halata,*" says Serena, "*kasi kapag away-magkapatid, sa akin palagi siya kumakampi.*"

Serena has now outgrown petty quarrels with her sisters, and goes to malls with them to watch movies during down time.

She even practices moves with her skateboard, a common interest she shares with Samantha.

Happy childhood

The transition from childhood to adolescence is hard and awkward enough, without the complicated pressures of celebrity to worry about. Many child stars have languished into obscurity by choice or by fate, but there are those who have managed to maintain a healthy relationship with the limelight for years on end.

Serena is one of those kids who continue to keep their presence felt even after childhood stardom. She started to be a celebrity in 1996, after she did a Jollibee Chickenjoy TV ad with actor and star endorser Aga Muhlach.

Now 13, Serena is in ABS-CBN's "Sana'y Wala Nang Wakas", playing a special child and sister to Jericho Rosales' character.

She is also part of the cast of Ai-Ai de las Alas' weekly "Tanging Ina," where she plays a tomboyish daughter, one of a brood of 10.

Serena considers her childhood a happy and carefree one.

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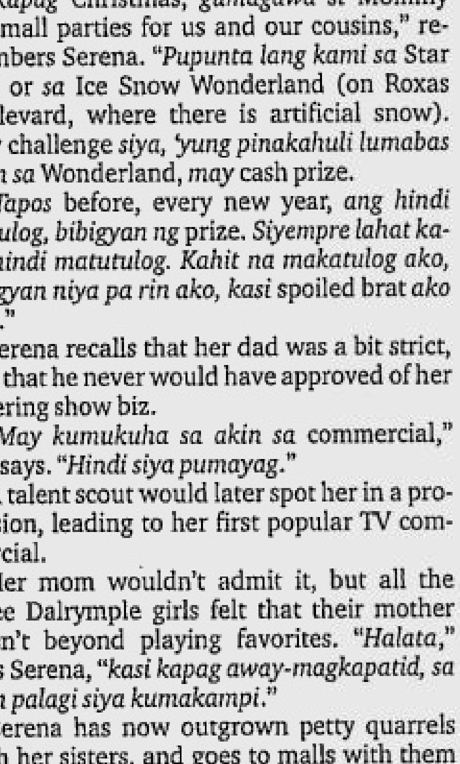
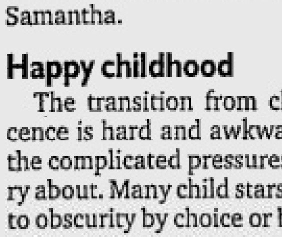
LOST LOVE. Serena and her late mom and dad (left).





The artist formerly known as Lilet

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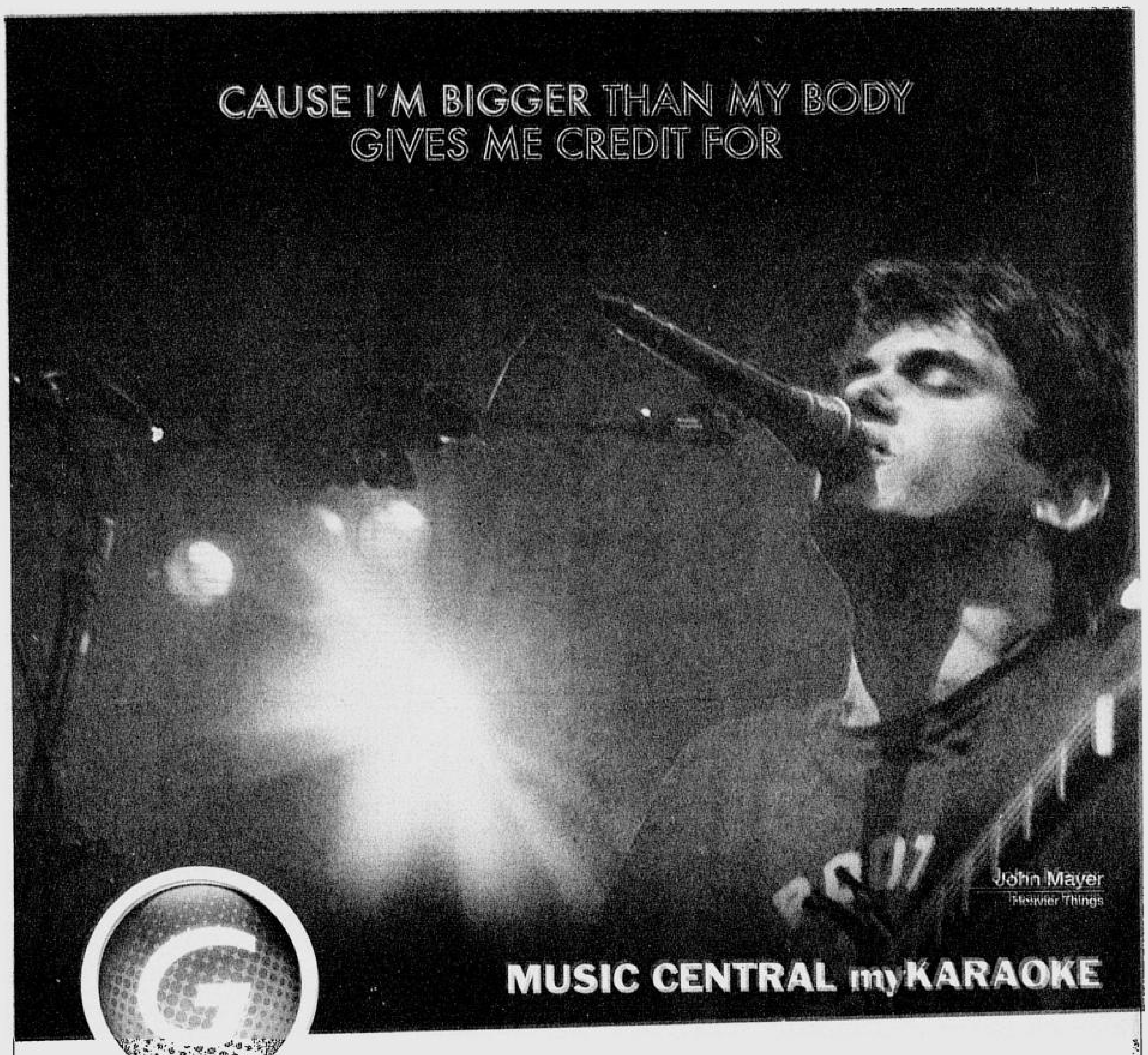

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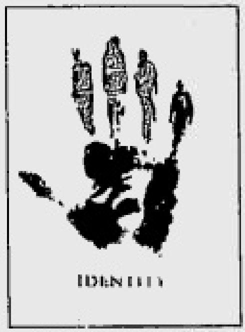

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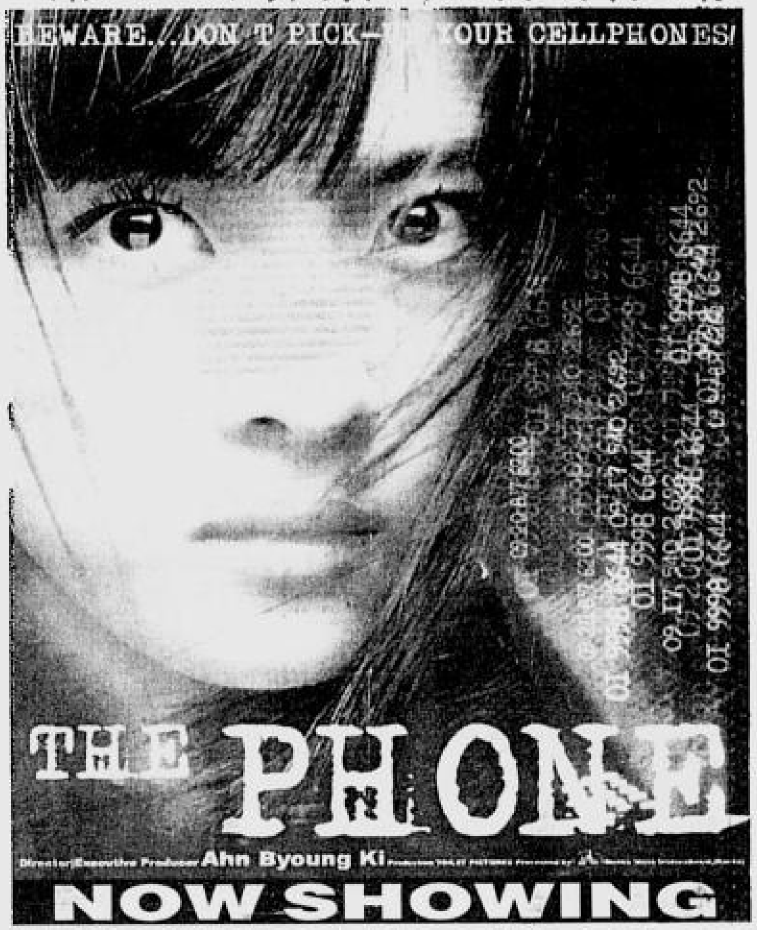
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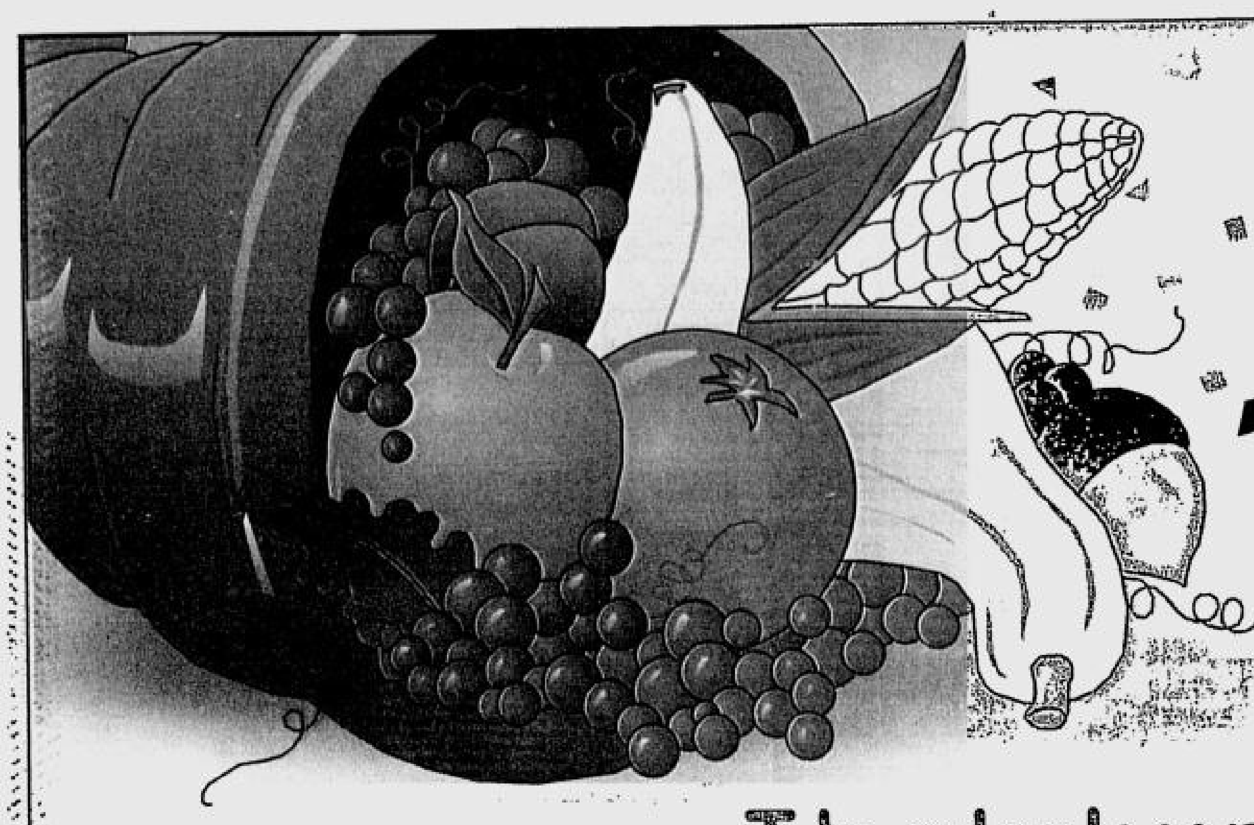

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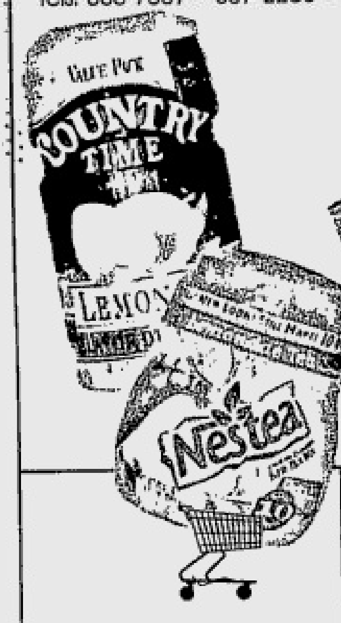

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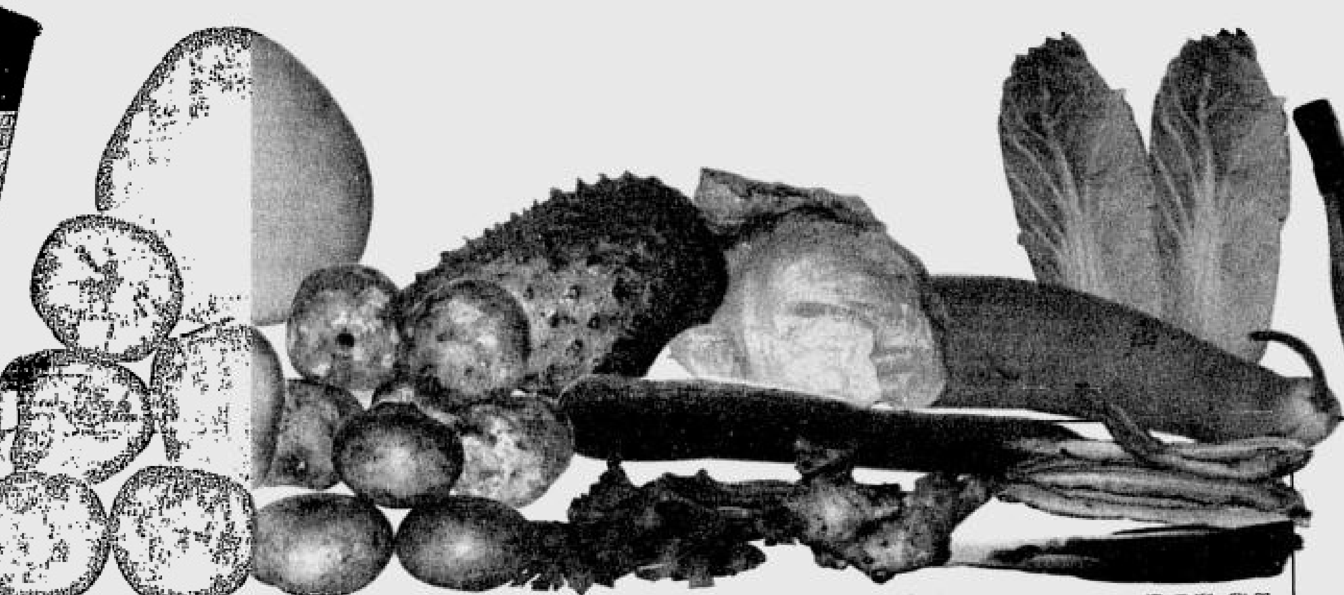

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1L ₱112.80/bot
Arabesque
Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot
750ml ₱257.00/bot

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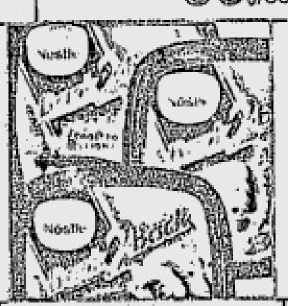

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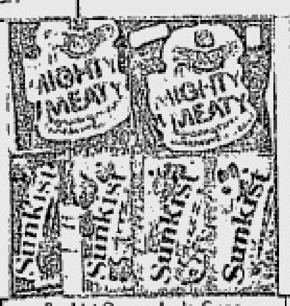
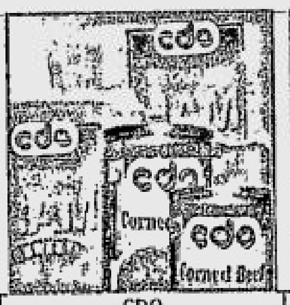
Supreme Back 2 Back Ice Cream, Chocolate & Double Dutch, Cookies & Cream, Rocky Road, Ube & Fruit Salad
900ml ₱91.50/tub



Sunkist Orange, Apple, Grape, Lemonade, Tutti Frutti
250ml ₱8.80/tetra
Swift Mighty Meaty Hotdog
Regular, Jumbo 4.5", Jumbo 6"
1kg ₱127.95/bag



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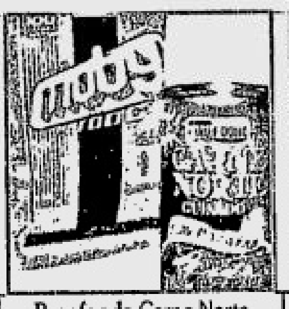
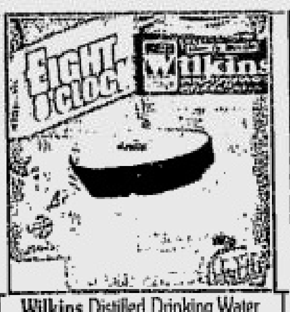
Corned Beef 150g ₱15.60/can
175g ₱19.35/can
Regular Sweet Ham 250g ₱37.20/pkg
500g ₱73.40/pkg



Purefoods Carne Norte
Con Patatas 175g ₱17.50/can
Moby Hotdog Regular
1kg ₱115.00/bag



Wilkins Distilled Drinking Water
4L ₱48.50/bot 6L ₱62.95/bot
Eight O'Clock Lemonade Drink Mix
45g ₱6.95/pk (w/ Jacket per Case)
250g ₱17.25/pkg 500g ₱34.50/pkg

Gina Mango Nectar
240ml ₱14.25/can 340ml ₱17.50/can
Susan Baker Butter Cookies, Choco Chips Cookies
454g ₱133.60/tin

Ram Sweet Pickle Relish
135g ₱[illegible]/bot 200g ₱33.[illegible]/bot
270g ₱44.3[illegible]/bot 405g ₱60.[illegible]/bot
4L ₱292.45/jug **Sevilla Sweet Pickle Relish**
135g ₱21.[illegible]/bot 200g ₱26.[illegible]/bot
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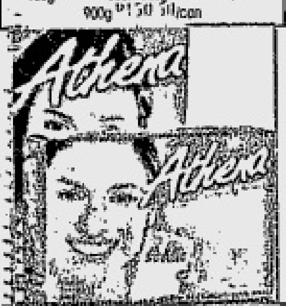
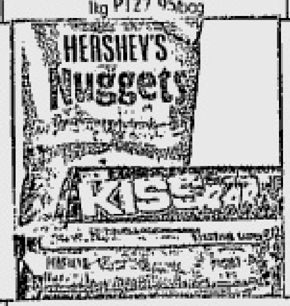


Athena
Milk Powder
200g ₱72.00/box 500g ₱163.00/box
1000g ₱319.10/can

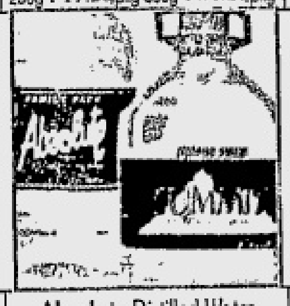
Anchor
Butter Salted/Unsalted
227g ₱36.90/can
113g ₱18.20/can



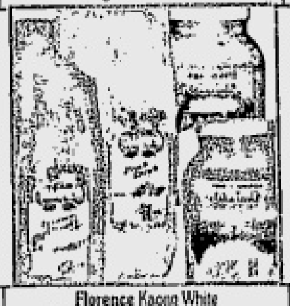
Hershey's Nuggets
Strawberry Flavored Chocolate w/ Cookie Bits 120g ₱62.45/bag
37g ₱22.70/pk Kiss Bar
30g ₱22.70/pk

Mama Sita's Sinigang Mix
18g ₱5.35/pk Barbeque Marinade
690ml ₱58.80/bot Oyster Sauce
810ml ₱78.40/bot Labuyo Chili Sauce
60ml ₱47.80/bot

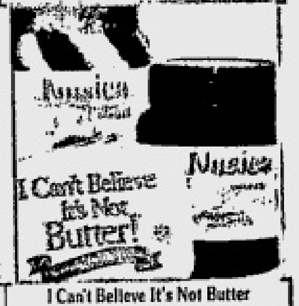
Today's Mix Fruit #10
3060g ₱110.50/can **Del Monte Four Seasons**
1L 36cl ₱39.30/can Spaghetti Sauce Italian Style, Spaghetti Sauce Sweet Style
750g ₱50.70/pk Filipino Style Spaghetti Sauce
750g ₱46.10/pk Spaghetti Pasta
1kg ₱43.50/bag



Absolute Distilled Water
5L ₱39.95/bot 6L ₱45.90/bot
Summit Natural Drinking Water
5L ₱35.70/bot 6L ₱41.70/bot

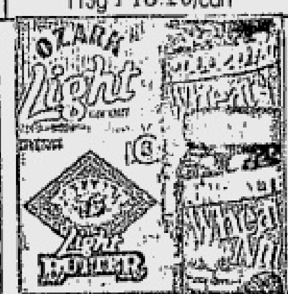


Florence Kaong White
680g ₱53.90/bot Nata de Coco
680g ₱41.90/bot
Tampico Drinks
Peach, Tropical, Citrus, Grapefruit
2L ₱51.90/jug

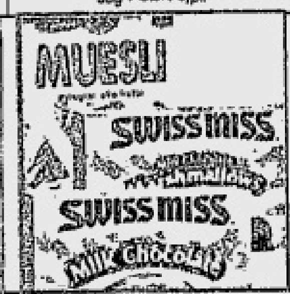


I Can't Believe It's Not Butter
375g ₱110.[illegible]/tub
Nusica Hazelnut Spread, Milk Spread,
Chocolate Spread 400g ₱[illegible]/bot
Hazelnut Spread, Hazelnut Milk Spread
750g ₱110.[illegible]/bot

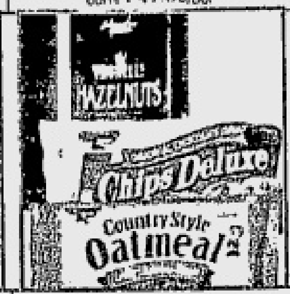
Berri Juice
Apple, Dark Grape, Tomato, Multi-V, Orange, Orange Mango ₱66.50/bot
The Original Juice
Orange, Apple 1L ₱71.50/bot



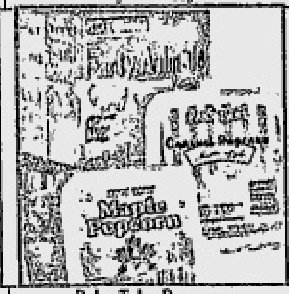
Ozark Popcorn
(All Variants) 3's/99g ₱71.25/box
Anacon Wheat Nut
Reduced Fat, Salted, Salt-Free
198g ₱90.50/bot



Swiss Miss
Milk Choco, Milk Choco w/ Marshmallows 10's 28g ₱68.50/box
Nicoli Muesli Crunch
250g ₱51.50/box

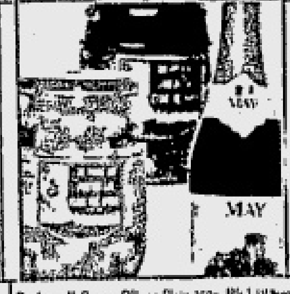


Vochelle
Almond, Hazelnuts Oval 200g ₱133.00/tin
Keebler Chips De Luxe
510g ₱135.25/box Country Style Oatmeal
454g ₱131.30/box



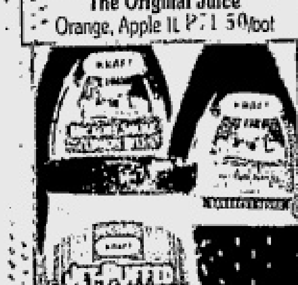
Paky Taky Popcorn
Caramel 227g ₱66.50/box
Maple 227g ₱71.25/box
Ginbis Party Animal Biscuit
3's/270g ₱57.00/pk

Catelli
Low Fat Low Sodium Lasagne
500g ₱76.50/box
Albers Yellow Corn Meal
567g ₱75.50/box

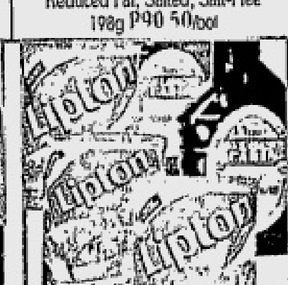


Carbonell Green Olives Plain 350g ₱54.00/bot
Pitted 350g ₱55.95/bot Stuffed Pimiento
350g ₱59.70/bot Queen Plain 350g ₱66.75/bot
Stuffed Pimiento Queen 350g ₱72.40/bot
May Sparkling Juice Red/White
750ml ₱97.50/bot

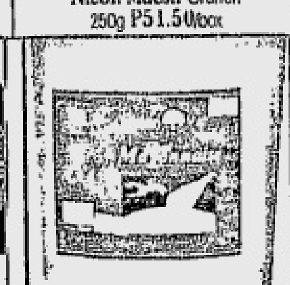
W.C.Cream Style Sweet
Corn 450g ₱17.00/can
Campbell's
Cream of Mushroom
780ml ₱85.50/can



Kraft
Bbq. Sauce Hickory, Hickory Smoke Onion Bits, Mesquite 540ml ₱63.50/bot
Jet Puffed Marshmallow Creme
198g ₱85.50/bot



Log Cabin Syrup Lite
720ml ₱142.50/bot 1.08L ₱185.50/bot
Lipton Instant Tea Mix Strawberry Kiwi, Wild Raspberry, Peach 802g (makes 10 quarts) ₱170.50/bot



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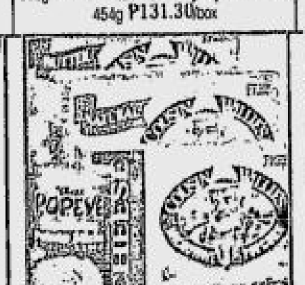
Real Mayonnaise
220ml ₱28.75/bot
4L ₱225.20/jug



Cousin Willie's Popcorn
Natural, Butter, White Cheddar Cheese, Fat Free Butter 99g ₱71.50/box
Popeye Shoestring
198g ₱58.50/can

Kee's
Oyster Sauce 210ml ₱44.90/bot
410ml ₱65.50/bot
Diamond Fried Powder
200g ₱58.00/box

House Wasabi
Paste Tube 43g ₱40.50/tube
Stove Top Stuffing Mix
Mushroom, Chicken, Low Sodium, Turkey 170g ₱95.50/box

Pokka Power Gold Energy Drink 240ml
₱18.00/can Carrot Juice 300ml ₱28.75/can
240ml ₱23.00/can Milk Coffee 240ml ₱21.00/can
Cappucino 240ml ₱22.00/can Iced Tea Lemon
330ml ₱24.00/can Jasmine Green Tea,
Lemon Tea 500ml ₱34.00/can

Greenex
All Purpose Cleaner
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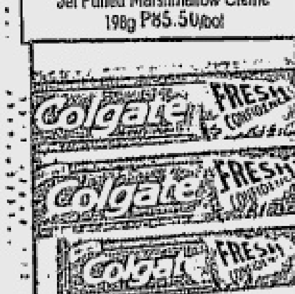
250ml ₱24.20/bot



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Fresh Confidence Green, Extreme Gel Red
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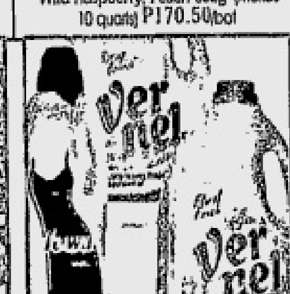

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Fabric Softener (All Variants)
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Fewa Black Magic
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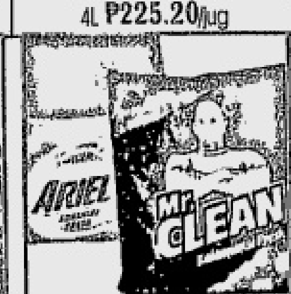

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Kalamansi Powder
1kg [illegible]
Ariel Sunshine Fresh
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Coreless Compact 2's/6's ₱71.00/bag
White Inter-Fold Hand Towel 150s ₱41.15/bag
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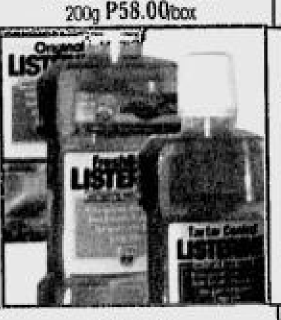


Listerine
Original, Coolmint, Fresh Burst
500ml ₱1[illegible]/bot
Tartar Control 500ml ₱215.10/bot

Koala
Dishwashing Liquid (All Variants)
250ml ₱33.25/bot
Toilet Bowl Cleaner (All Variants)
[illegible] ₱76.60/bot [illegible] ₱41.80/bot

Dolphin Plastic Disposable Cup
White 50's/240ml ₱27.50/pk Clear 50's/360ml ₱34.20/pk **Panda Laminated Silver Plate**
[illegible] ₱24.00/pk
[illegible] Edison [illegible] Bucket
[illegible]

Pronto
Liquid Wax Natural/Red
1L ₱[illegible]/bot 500ml ₱[illegible].75/bot
250ml [illegible]/pouch

SERENA now at 13

Serena still 'scared'

From page C1

"Before, it wasn't difficult," she says. "*Ngayon, medyo* difficult *na*.

"I'm starting to become shy," she adds, laughing.

She confesses to some discomforts that fame initially brought her, as many eager admirers kept expressing themselves in less than welcome ways.

"*Noong bata ako, parang galit ako sa mga* fans *kasi nangungurot sila*," she says. "Sometimes *may kuko pa*. Now, *may* distance *na sila*. Shake hands *na lang*."

'Isa pa!'

The Jollibee ad remains one of her most memorable experiences, for obvious reasons: "*Kasi, doon talaga ako nakilala.*

Kahit na dati, naiinis ako sa mga taong pinapagawa sa akin (*'yung* catchphrase *na*) *'Isa pa!' Kahit* audition, *pinapagawa nila sa akin*."

School work

In one such audition, she even refused to do it, but relented on the condition that she would be given a new Barbie doll if she did.

Serena claims that when she's not working, she immerses herself in school work.

She is now in first year high school in O.B. Montessori in Las Piñas City.

"I learned how to balance my time," she says. "*Kung kailangang mag*-study, you have to do it *talaga*. I have to study while working."

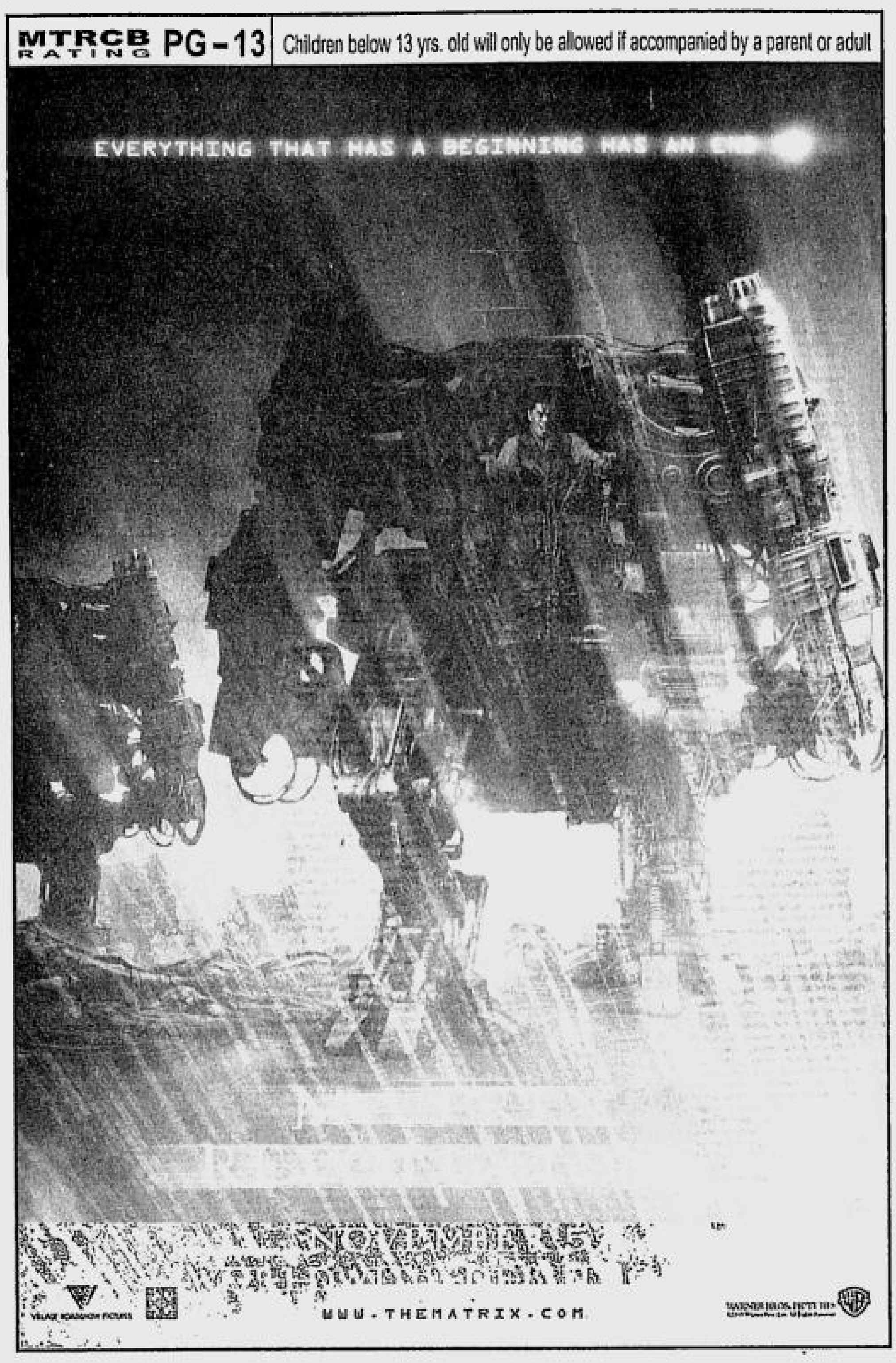
She even takes the opportunity to study on the set, when she isn't facing the cameras.

Grand slam

The industrious teener has also learned to be flexible, as she has starred in humor-based shows like "Keybol" and "Oki Doki Dok," as well as in the movie "Bata, Bata, Paano Ka Ginawa," her favorite among the 11 films she has appeared in so far.

"That was my first drama movie," she says. "I didn't know how to cry. The director (Chito Roño) and *Tito* Albert (Martinez) motivated me. *Pero doon ako natuto*."

She was dubbed "grand slam princess" for winning the best supporting actress and best child actor honors from award-giving bodies. "I really want to be a serious actress," she shares.



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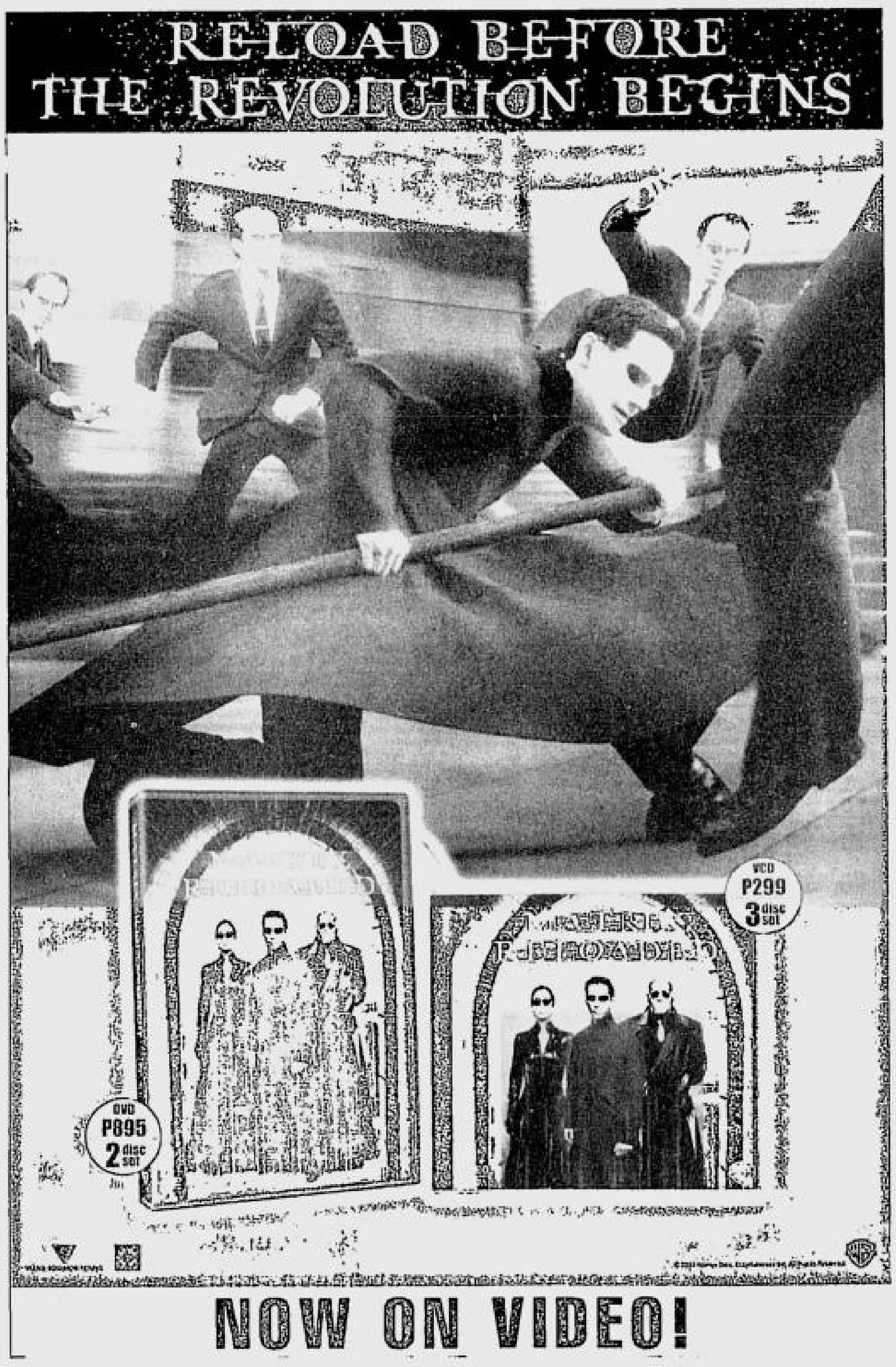

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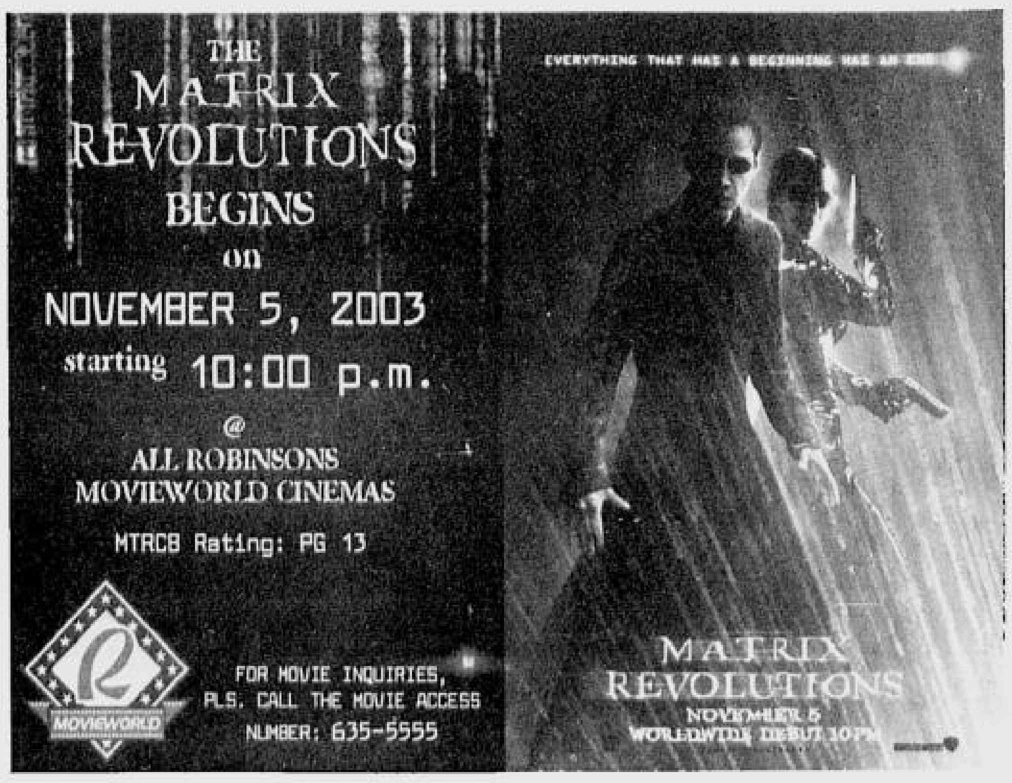

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VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

OUR constant search for good TV shows to recommend to viewers has come up with a winner in Discovery Kids' "Mystery Hunters" program (8:30 a.m. Saturdays on the Discovery Channel).

This show is particularly welcome because it's designed for young viewers, who need some good TV programs to productively develop their minds while breezily entertaining them.

"Mystery Hunters" does this with supreme perception and good cheer. It "dares" to make science interesting to young viewers by inviting them to identify with two adolescent "investigators" as they shed light on the fuzzy difference between scientific fact and fiction.

Last Saturday, the young explorers focused on a Loch Ness-type monster, and the arcane science and art of mummification.

The first "case" involved numerous "sightings" of a huge sea creature in an otherwise nondescript lake. Photographs and video clips attested to the presence of the prehistoric survivor, but the show's female host demonstrated the right scientific attitude by refusing to take the "evidence" at face value.

She talked to experts, visited the site, interviewed eyewitnesses, and even went down in a mini-sub to give viewers a first-hand look at the sea creature's "home."

Final verdict: The creature's existence could not be proven, so reports about its existence were deemed more fiction than fact.

The second case was less controversy-oriented, and simply sought to explore the fascinating topic of mummification as practiced by the Egyptians thousands of years ago.

To make the "ancient" topic exciting for today's young viewers, the show's male host teamed up with a comedian posing as a scientist. The "scientist" applied the age-old process of mummification on the carcass of a dressed chicken, which he deemed already mummified (by coating it with salt and baking soda) after five weeks.

The program's male host consulted some real scientists, who helped him look into the body of an Egyptian mummy through the use of state-of-the-art internal imaging machines.

It was fascinating for viewers, young and mature alike, to look into one particular mummy, and conclude that she had died from infection due to a large and suppurating wound that had started as a mere abscess in her gums.

This revelation made young viewers less fearful and more appreciative of their dentists, that's for sure!

The show's creative combination of science and entertainment makes it appealing to young viewers. Its focus on such topics as giant sea creatures and mummies also makes use of the youth's special interest in the strange, scary and bizarre.

By using this fascination to its own advantage, "Mystery Hunters" is able to make the sometimes off-putting world of science exciting for young viewers, and to encourage them to consider becoming scientists in their own right.

'My First Romance'

STAR Cinema's new film, "My First Romance," features separate stories starring the studio's two new love teams.

The first episode, "One Love," is about a campus romance between **Heart Evangelista** and **John Prats**. She's rich and he's poor, but love knows no economics!

In the second episode, "Two Hearts," **John Lloyd Cruz** and **Bea Alonzo** are the young leads. He's a young man whose life is saved by the heart of her late boyfriend (**Dominic Ochoa**).

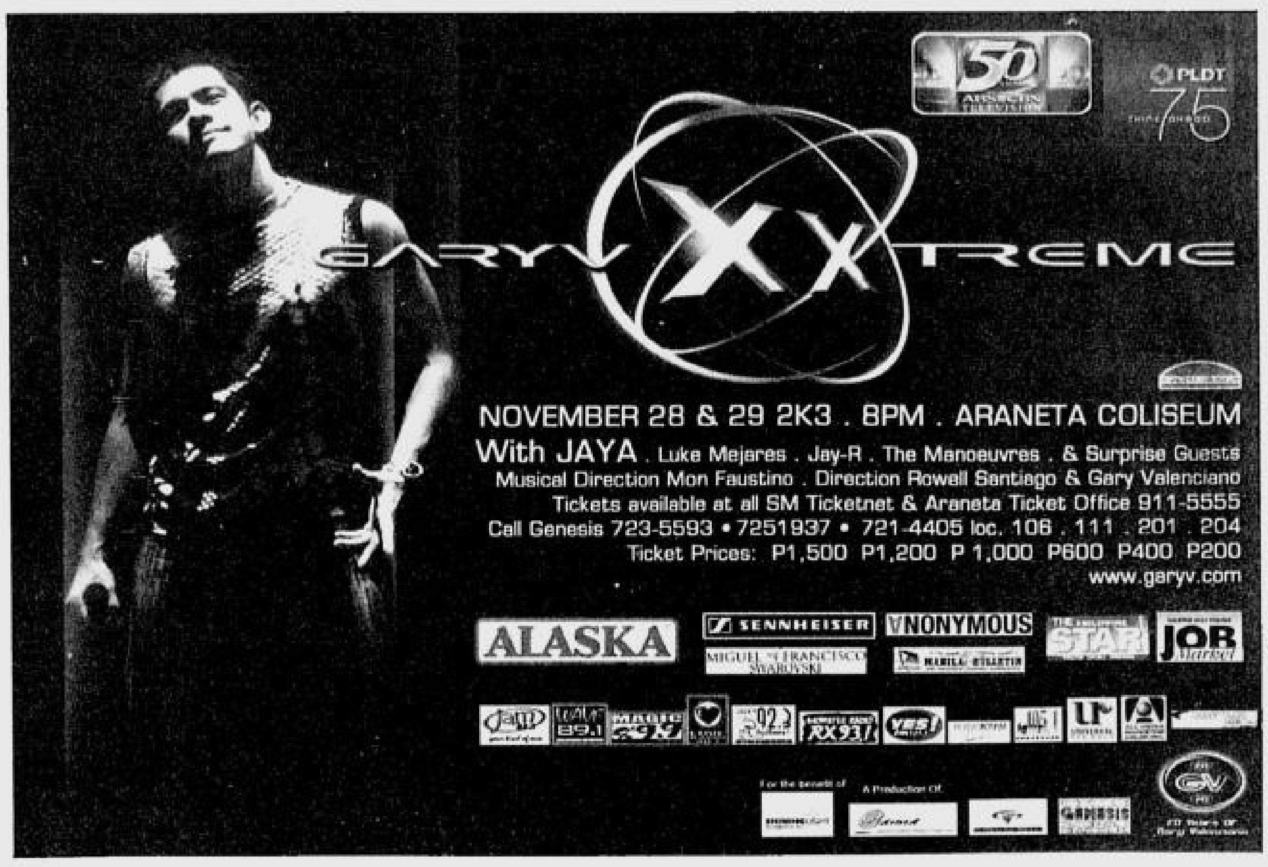
Other actors in the first episode are **Susan Africa**, **Cherie Gil**, **Ate Glow** and **Pauleen Luna**. In the second episode, **Miko Palanca**, **Kathleen Hermosa**, **Chanda Romero**, **Joel Torre**, **Mandy Ochoa**, **Chat Silayan** and **Dominic Ochoa** play co-starring or supporting roles.

'Langit sa Lupa'

WENCY **Cornejo** is back with a new studio album, "Langit sa Lupa." It includes 10 of his new songs, plus new versions of the hits "Hanggang" and "Magpakailanman."

The new songs in "Langit sa Lupa" are mostly ballads that go from the folksy "Kantahan" to the romantic "Awit." Other songs are upbeat ("Kahit Kailan") and dramatic ("Lagi Kitang Mamahalin").

Other cuts: "Ang Lahat Ko ay Ikaw," "This Love Song," "Isn't It Sad," "Pangako ng Bukas" and the title number, "Langit sa Lupa."



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Halloween salsa night at Bykes Café

AFTER successful performances in Manila and Cebu, Brasil Tropicale Carnival will perform at a Halloween salsa night at Bykes Café tonight starting at 9 p.m.

Joining Brasil Tropicale are the retro band Bedroom Boys and the Salsa Filipinas dance group led by Eddie Rocha.

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It is located at La Fuerza Building at 2241 Chino Roces Ave. corner Sabio St., Makati City.

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Evelyn Alvaran-Cruz to host own TV show

HAVING been in the beauty industry for 12 years, Evelyn Alvaran-Cruz is an acknowledged authority in the business.

Evelyn is after all the publisher of Hair Asia magazine and organizer of more than 40 hair and makeup events, which she also hosts.

And soon, Evelyn will be the host of her own television talk show on beauty.

Says Evelyn, "Why not? Perhaps, I can infuse new ideas in the beauty business.

"I have to be really prepared," she adds of her newest venture. "I want everything to be 100 percent in place."

The well-traveled Evelyn regularly attends international hair olympics in different countries, learning from and exchanging trade secrets with the most famous figures in the business.

In turn, she shares what she learns from them with Filipino beauty professionals through Hair Asia magazine and her own hair and makeup events.

Evelyn's Hair Asia is now in the thick of preparations for "Salon Spectacular 2003," a battle of past Hair Asia winners, on Nov. 25 at the World Trade Center.

Competitors will vie in three categories—ladies haircut and color design, men's haircut and color design, and ladies evening hairstyle with color and make-up.

The overall champion will win a round-trip ticket to Milan, Italy, the site of the Hair World Olympics in July 2004.

CRUZ. "Salon Spectacular '03"

Aubrey-Priscilla showdown in 'Sexy in the City'

SEX sirens Priscilla Almeda and Aubrey Miles, together with fresh new talent Jenny Hernandez, will make temperatures rise as they combine powers in "Sexy in the City," a concert at the Music Museum in Greenhills on Nov. 7

The show marks the first time Priscilla and Aubrey are performing together. Priscilla achieved stardom in sexy dramas like "Sariwa," "Sutla," and "Huwag Kang Kikibo," among others. Aubrey made waves in films like "Prosti" and "Xerex."

Both sexy stars are also singers who have recorded solo albums each.

In "Sexy in the City," they will engage in a hot musical and dance duel—in slinky costumes.

Jenny the new singer recently obtained a degree in international marketing from Southville International College.

"Sexy in the City," a production of Star Symbol and also featuring comedian Richard Villanueva and the Rated R Band, is directed by Angie Magbanua.

Tickets are available at Ticketworld outlets in all National Bookstore branches. For details, call 829-1346 or 829-7296.

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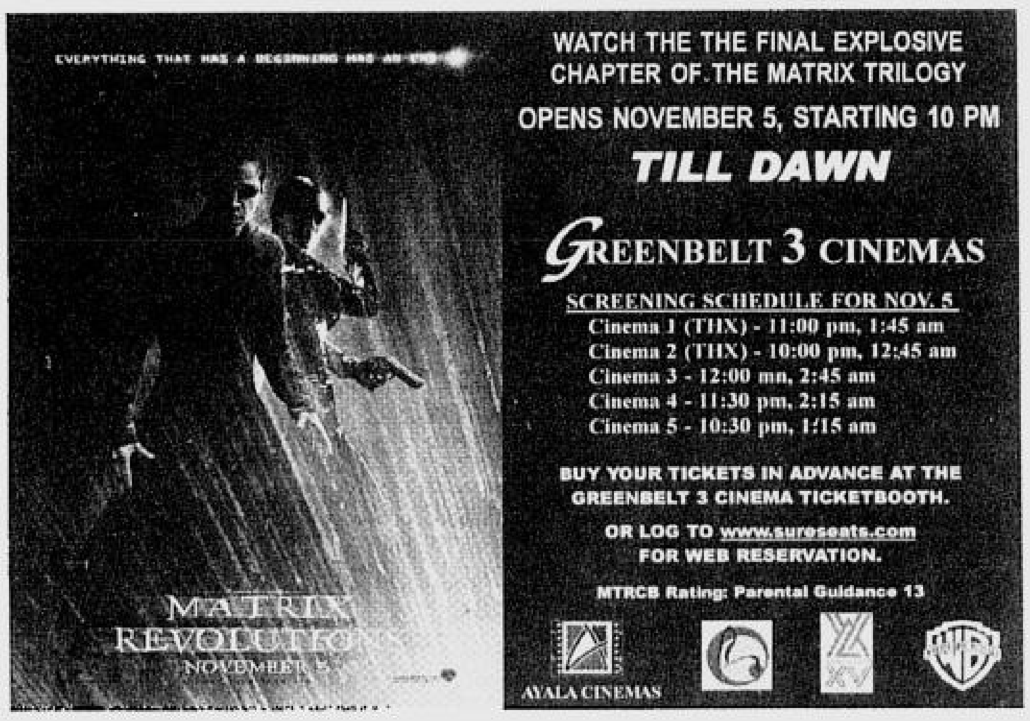

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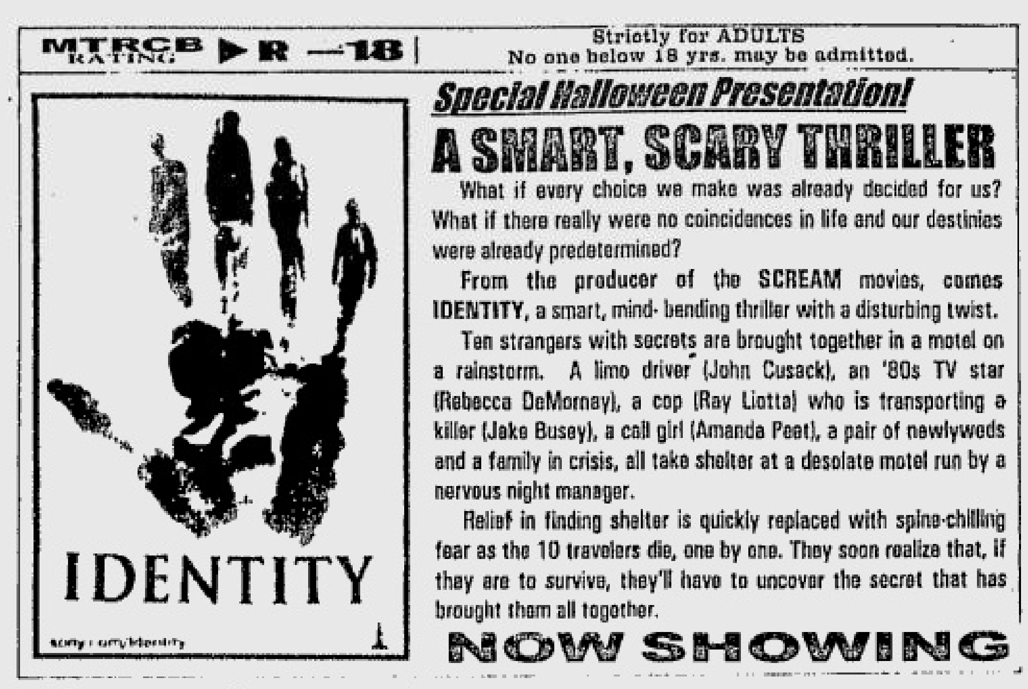

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Relief in finding shelter is quickly replaced with spine-chilling fear as the 10 travelers die, one by one. They soon realize that, if they are to survive, they'll have to uncover the secret that has brought them all together.

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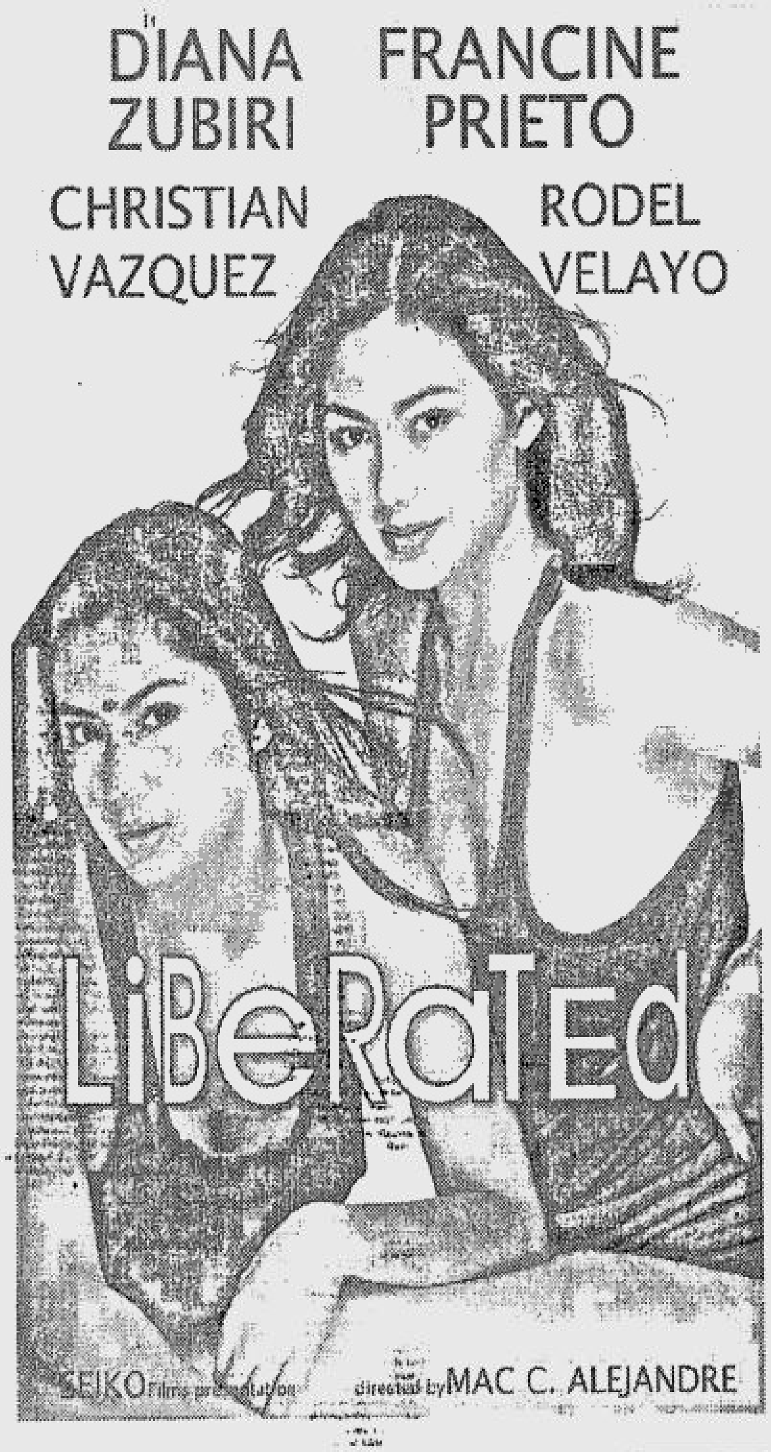

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Marielle: I won't turn my back on singing again

The artist formerly known as Lilet

By Remy Umerez
Contributor

LILET couldn't carry a tune, her family said, but she persisted

REMEMBER Lilet, the young and very pretty girl whose softdrink TV commercial was released worldwide in the '80s?

That girl vowed never to sing again.

Indeed, Lilet never sang again. But Marielle is singing.

Marielle, now in her 20s, is the former Lilet. And she realized that singing was the one thing she loved doing most.

"The idea of doing what you love most is the best thing in the world," says Marielle. "For me, singing is the best thing (in the world). And all the time I was away from show biz, I never missed a day without singing a tune or trying to play one on my piano."

As Lilet in the late '80s, she was chosen to be one of the children in the Coca-Cola multicultural commercial that tried to recreate the theme of universal harmony. The shoot was done in Liverpool, England, and the commercial featured about 100 children from all over the world. But it was Lilet who stepped out of a huge hall in the beginning of the commercial and sang: "I am the future of our world/ I am the hope of my nation/ I am tomorrow's people/ I am the new inspiration!"

What mattered most

Veteran advertising man Gryk Ortaleza, a friend of the family, had sent a demo tape of Lilet to the advertising agency handling Coke. He also gave Lilet her break in recording.

"I have very little memory of that beautiful singing chapter in my life because I was only a kid and singing was the only thing that mattered (to me)," Marielle says in Taglish. "I was told that people doubted if I was really the one who sang the jingle."

> 'All the time I was away, I never missed a day without singing a tune or playing the piano'

"For the commercial shoot, I was surrounded by many children representing different countries," she recalls. "We stayed in Liverpool for about two weeks. *Inosente pa ako noon* and I don't know *kung ano ang tinatawag na* discrimination. *Mababait naman sila sa akin.*

"Years later, when I was in Japan, I met one of the boys in the commercial. I forgot his name already but he became a big star in Japan."

Marielle—real name, Maria Luz Lilet Jodloman—is the youngest of seven children. Her father was an illustrator. Her mother, the former Lily Navarro, was her manager. At that time, a talent manager was a new concept in local show biz.

"I was discovered in a singing contest sponsored by Trebel when I was 11," Marielle recalls. "I also joined a singing contest conducted by Yamaha. I was not after the prize. *Ang habol ko lang talaga kumanta.* In our family, my older sister had a band called Music Kinesis. That was way back in 1983, and they always toured."

Talking doll

"When I was three years old, I was fond of memorizing songs even if my folks teased me *na masama raw ang tono ko* (that I couldn't carry a tune). I kept on practicing until it improved."

But she became a recording artist with Viva Records where she made two albums, and later on with Alpha Records. It was also under Viva that she became an a movie star.

"There was 'Pik Pak Boom' with Lea Salonga and Herbert Bautista,'" she says. "I played a doll—a talking doll. My mother and Lea's mom became close.

"In 'Dear Diary' I was a naughty fairy sent back to earth to learn a lesson. In 'Estudyante Blues,' I was one of the students who loved to sing. If not for the endless wait (on the set), I really enjoyed making movies. What was difficult was being a student off and on. I finished high school at St. Joseph's this way because of my erratic schedule."

Industry insiders perceived Marielle's mother as a very protective mom. The daughter herself admits that this had been the case.

"That's true," she says, "and I really don't know why she was so strict. *Kaya nga sila magkasundo ng* mother *ni* Lea. *Ang kanyang* policy is 'Filipino custom, no touch. I was not supposed to have a love team in my movies. That's probably why Viva did not renew my contract. There were so many limitations imposed and they had difficulty packaging me. They just let me go."

A normal life

Her mother's strictness extended even to her personal life.

"Do you know that during my prom night, I was also chaperoned by my mom? When I turned 18, a simple celebration was held on 'That's Entertainment' of Kuya Germs. I belonged to the Wednesday group together with Sheryl Cruz, Rachel Alejandro and Jamie Rivera. My first dance? I don't recall having done that in my debut."

She quit making movies, thinking she could devote all her time to her college studies. She also vowed never to sing in public again, not even during school functions. "*Napagod na rin siguro ako* ," she says. "I just wanted to live a normal life."

But she found herself vacationing in Japan with her sister, who had married a Japanese. She liked Japan's culture, lifestyle and environment so much that she decided to stay in the country for two and a half years.

"For the first time I felt relaxed and free to do whatever I want to do," says Marielle. "But I didn't really feel totally liberated because all the good values were instilled in my mind. But I no longer felt suffocated, and no one was scrutinizing every single move I made."

First boyfriend

Marielle learned to speak Nihongo fluently. She also found herself a Japanese boyfriend, "but the relationship didn't work. There's a big difference in culture, and it was also hard to maintain a long distance relationship. It's different if you're together rather than just talking on the phone even for two hours."

But her first boyfriend was a Filipino.

"We were *barkada* until our friendship developed into love. I am sure he has a family of his own now and it is best to leave it at that."

The first thing she did when she returned home was to enroll at St. Joseph's College and finish her degree in Mass Communications. She also took a part time job at Hotel Inter-Continental as a Japanese interpreter. After graduating, she worked the 9-to-5 shift at E-Telecare International.

Marielle also toyed with the idea of auditioning for "Miss Saigon," but she backed out "because it would require a kissing scene. My mom would be the first one to object."

Grown up

For her show biz comeback, Marielle is being managed by veteran talent manager Ronnie Henares of Primeline. She has signed up with Ivory Records and has released a self-titled album. Its carrier single is "Inside a Dream, Di Ako Nag-iisa," a haunting ballad. In tracks like "Pwede Ba Kaya" and "I Love the Way," Marielle goes pop. She also does Tracie Spencer's "Because of You" and a sparingly acoustic version of Michael Ruff's "More Than You'll Ever Know" and John Lennon's "Imagine."

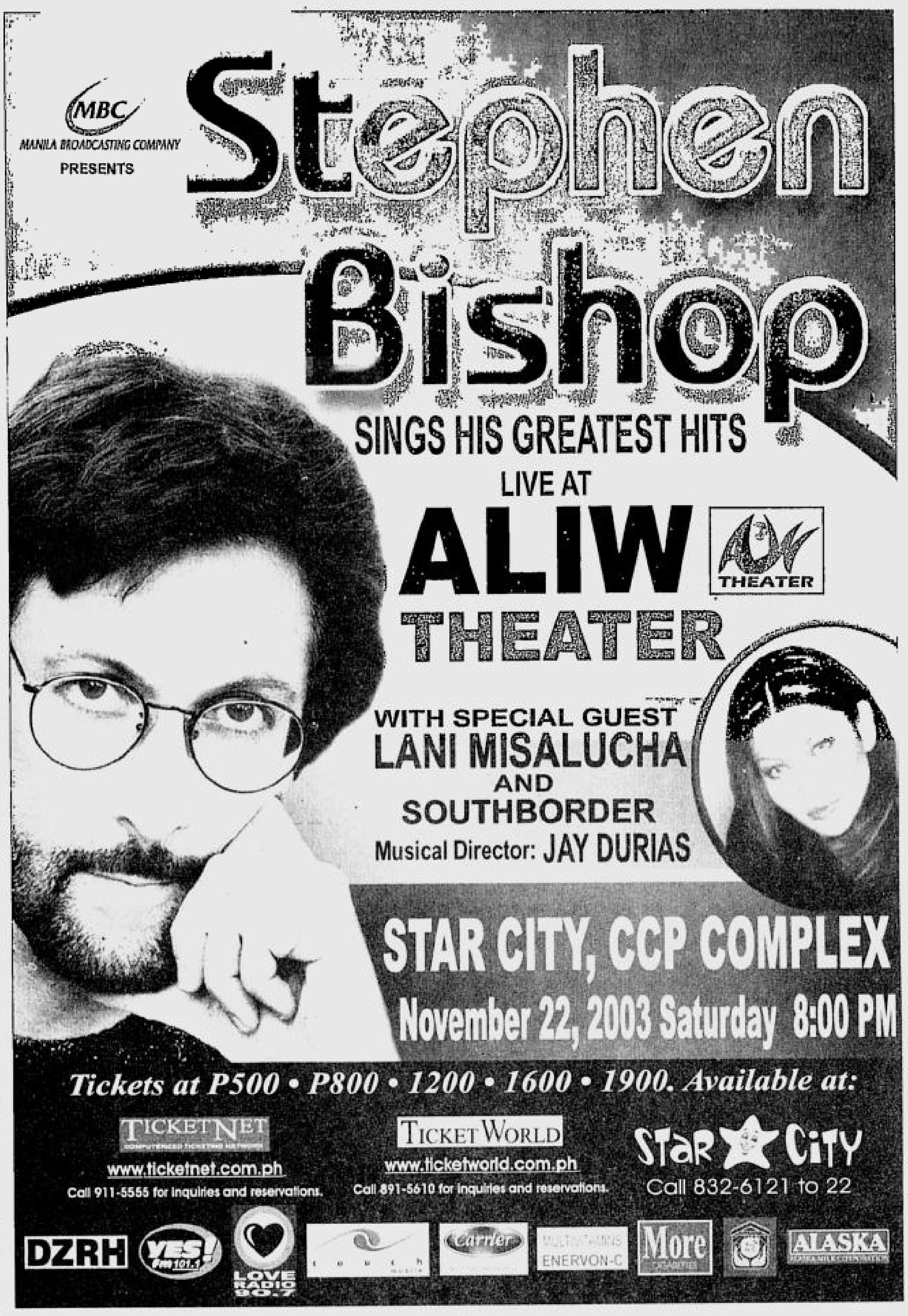
Marielle also debuts as composer with the songs "May Pagtingin Pa Rin" and "Paglisan Mo."

"In these songs I combined the feeling of sadness and loss after love had vanished from my heart," she admits.

Why the change of name?

"I've grown up and I've matured," she says. "They say it's a childish name. Marielle better reflects my personality now. I am in control of myself. Singing is an unfinished commitment. I will not turn my back on it anymore."

MARIELLE "reflects my personality now, in control"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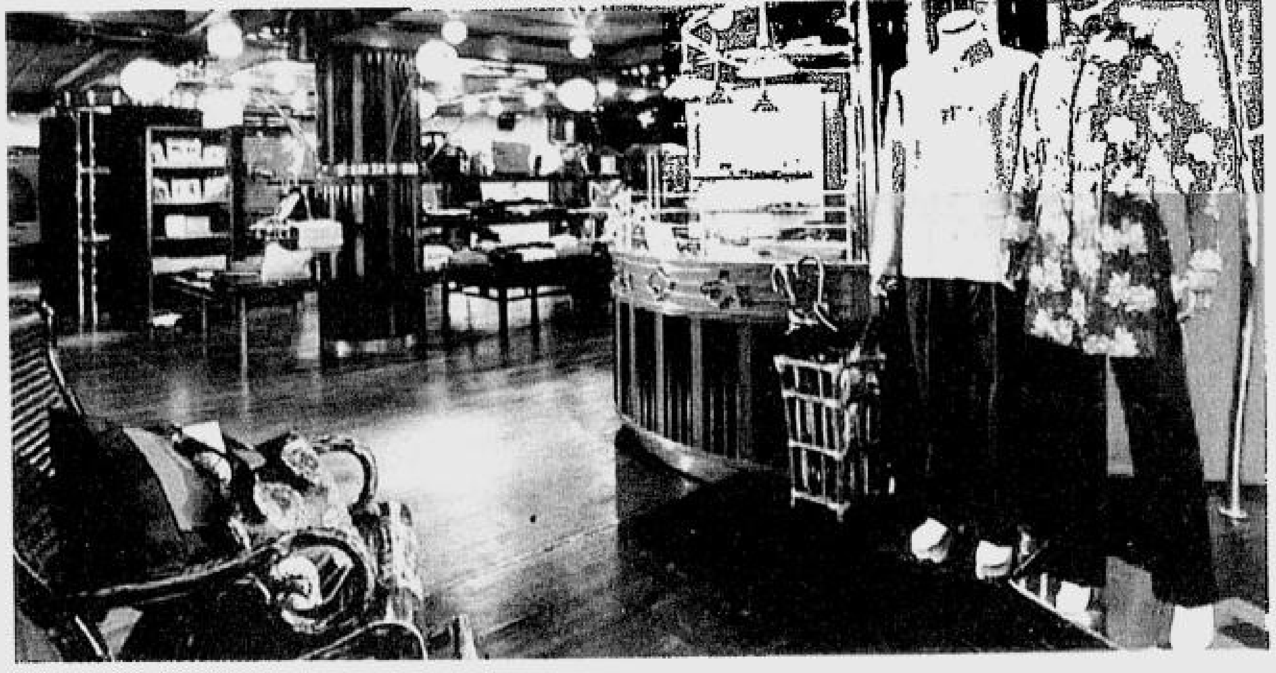

East meets West in Paris

Iconic Shanghai Tang opens first boutique in Europe

PARIS—With the East still riding the crest in the West, the iconic Chinese-for-Westerners fashion house, Shanghai Tang, is opening its first boutique in Continental Europe this week—in no lesser a location than the heart of Paris' golden triangle of fashion.

A hop and a skip from the Yves Saint-Laurent stores, Shanghai Tang is filling some 400 sq m of highly priced designer-land floor-space with Mao collars and hip-hugging cheongsam dresses since Oct. 27.

China is talk of the town in the French capital, which has just kicked off "a year of China"—12 months of exhibitions, performances and seminars involving just about every one of the city's big museums or concert halls.

Be it Quentin Tarantino's "Kill Bill" (with Lucy Liu in flowing silks) to be released next month, or the Shaolin monks hired by John Galliano for Dior's 2003 spring-summer couture, the taste for Asia looks set to stay.

For its Paris boutique, Shanghai Tang has struck a franchise deal with France's top China tour operator, La Maison de la Chine, a travel company with a difference which runs a classy tea room and holds seminars on heady subjects such as food rites under Confucius, the history and rules of mahjong, or the building of the Three Gorges dam.

"Shanghai Tang for us is a little like China's Ralph Lauren, or all that Hermes stands for in France," said the managing director of La Maison de la Chine, Patricia Tartour-Jonathan. "It comes with a cultural message."

David Tang, the Hong Kong businessman and art collector who set up the company in 1994, "has played an almost historical role in reviving traditional Chinese clothing, in putting clothes back into fashion," she said.

Nostalgia

Tang's romanticized designs, based on 1930s Shanghai nostalgia and tongue-in-cheek Mao stars and collars, caught on like wildfire in the West at the time but initially drew a blank on the mainland after the 1997 handover of the colony.

A year later, in 1998, Richemont, the Swiss luxury group that also owns Cartier and Dunhill, bought a majority stake in the firm and vowed to build it up to become "the first global Chinese luxury brand." But this year's SARS epidemic reduced turnover in the flagship Hong Kong store by 70 percent in three months and sent the management scurrying to perk up sales.

"We were so badly hit that I went out seeking partners," the company's Hong

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Not just another suitcase in another hall

Text by Cheche V. Moral
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A JOURNEY of a thousand miles begins with a single step, Confucius said. Ergo, that single step must be toward finding the right luggage.

Picking a suitcase is as crucial as having the perfect travel companion.

It must be tough—the kind that won't bail out when the load of the journey bears down on you. It must be enduring—the kind that will stay with you for the long haul.

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It must be able to keep things together, quite literally. Will it have ample space, for instance, to stash acquired mementos by the end of the trip?

It wouldn't hurt, too, if your luggage looks good. What's a better reward after a long, chaotic queue at the conveyor belt than the sight of your fabulous suitcase on top of the wretched heap?

Which is why your journey begins at a luggage specialty store.

Repository

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Jansport, Hedgren, The North Face have their own array of backpacks for trekkers in the urban jungle and beyond. Jansport, in fact, has the new Gelastic shoulder strap technology that supposedly reduces the strain and eases the load.

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Now, there's just the matter of packing the bags...

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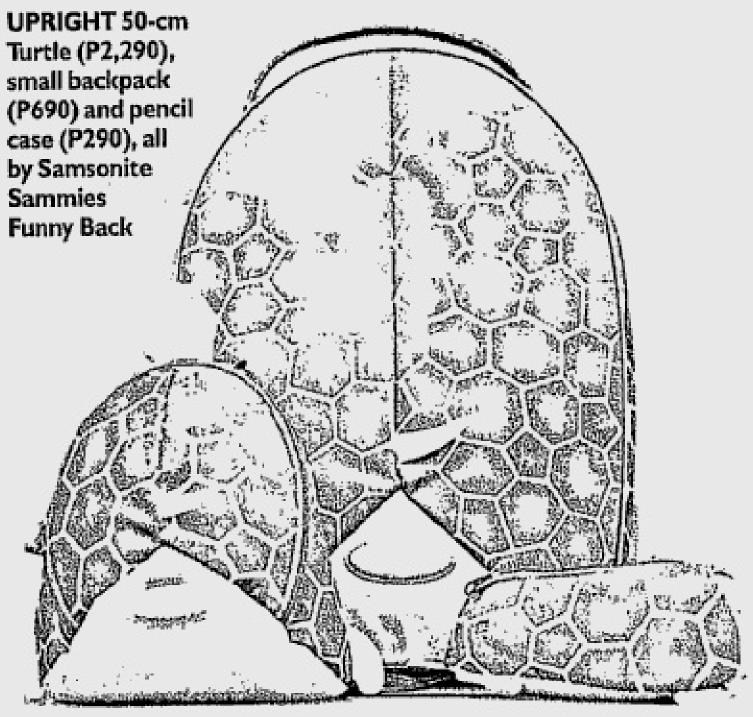

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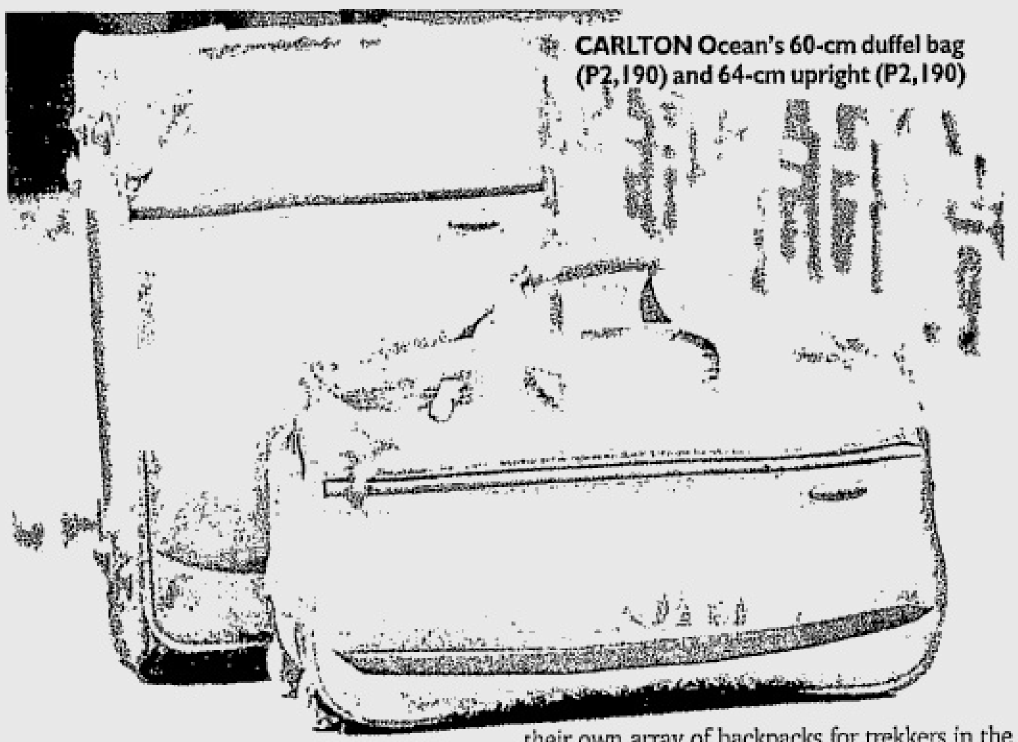

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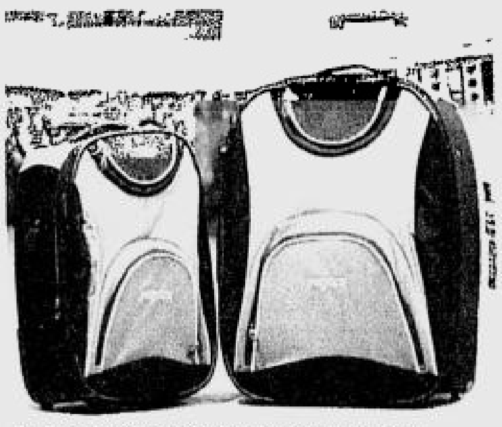

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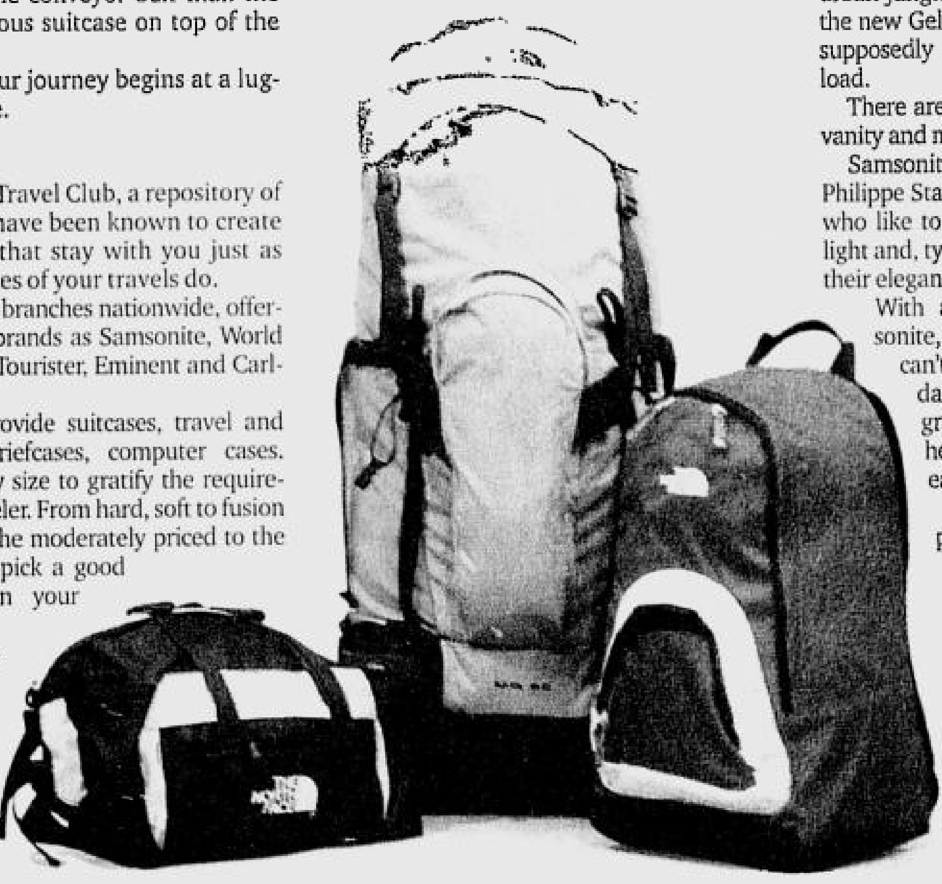

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FLOWER fairies. On Annika: pink camisole and pink shorts with strawberry print, Healthtex. On Lexine: white peasant top and pink skirt both from Barbie. On Cayley: white tee with flower print and aqua skirt, both from Cinderella Kids

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East meets West in Paris

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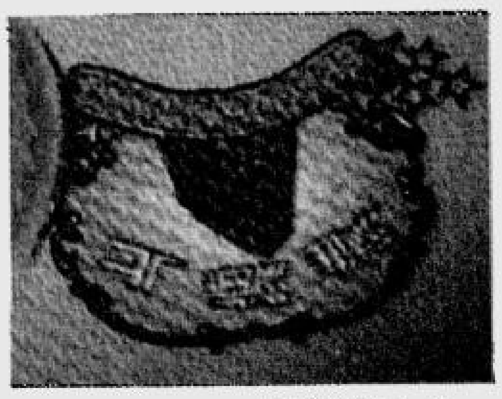
Kong-based chair Raphael Le Masne de Chermont said in a telephone interview. La Maison de la Chine in Paris happened to be expanding its offices, so the two did a shop-in-the-shop franchise deal.



FAMILIAR label is fast living up to Shanghai Tang's goal of becoming a global brand.

Mature and ready

"I also believed we had matured and were ready to hit Paris, the mecca of fashion and aesthetics," he said. "We have a new relevance, a wearability and more accessories and products for the home."

In its quest to be what he termed "the chic ambassador of Chinese aestheticism," Shanghai Tang was sticking to some of its vintage models, such as the traditional Tang jacket (seen at US$275 on the Internet) or the cheongsam.

But the designer boutique was also offering trendier luxury seasonal lines, currently a collection inspired by the Miao ethnic tribe, the next to be based on calligraphy.

There are now 15 Shanghai Tang boutiques worldwide, 10 of them in Asia. The latest was opened last month, symbolically in Shanghai, the city that initially inspired Tang to open the first store.

As China underwent the turmoil of the Cultural Revolution, Masne de Chermont said, Shanghai's bespoke tailors fled to Hong Kong where they offered the first custom-made cheongsams.

"There are only seven of the tailors still alive, and they all work for David Tang," he said. "So the opening of the Shanghai boutique was a highly symbolic return to tradition."

Next, he said, Shanghai Tang planned to open stores in Las Vegas and Los Angeles and was looking at a project to hit Tokyo, "a really big market." *AFP*

Praying for the departed

LIVE AND LET LIVE

Tita Dulce

DEAR Tita Dulce,

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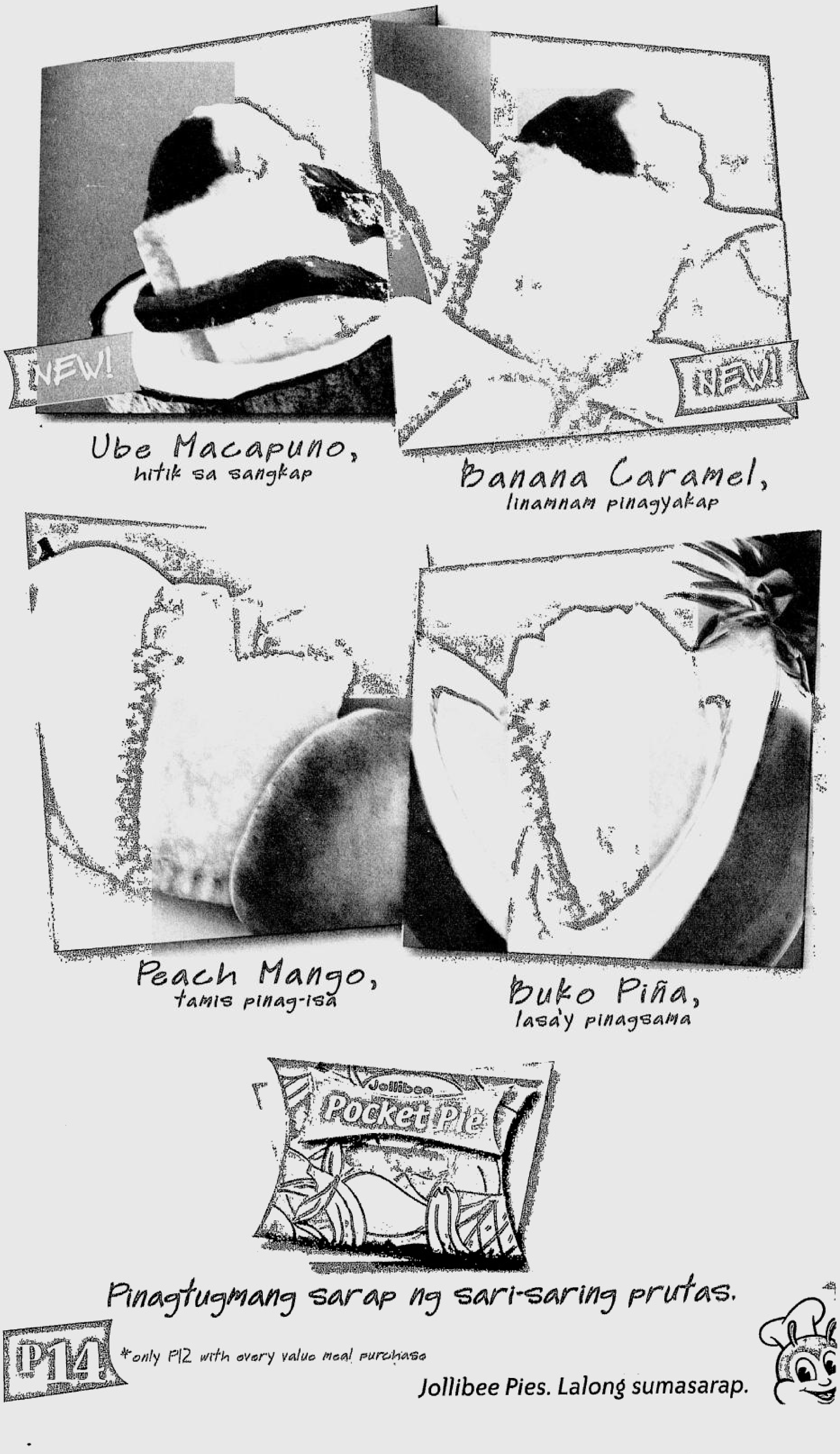

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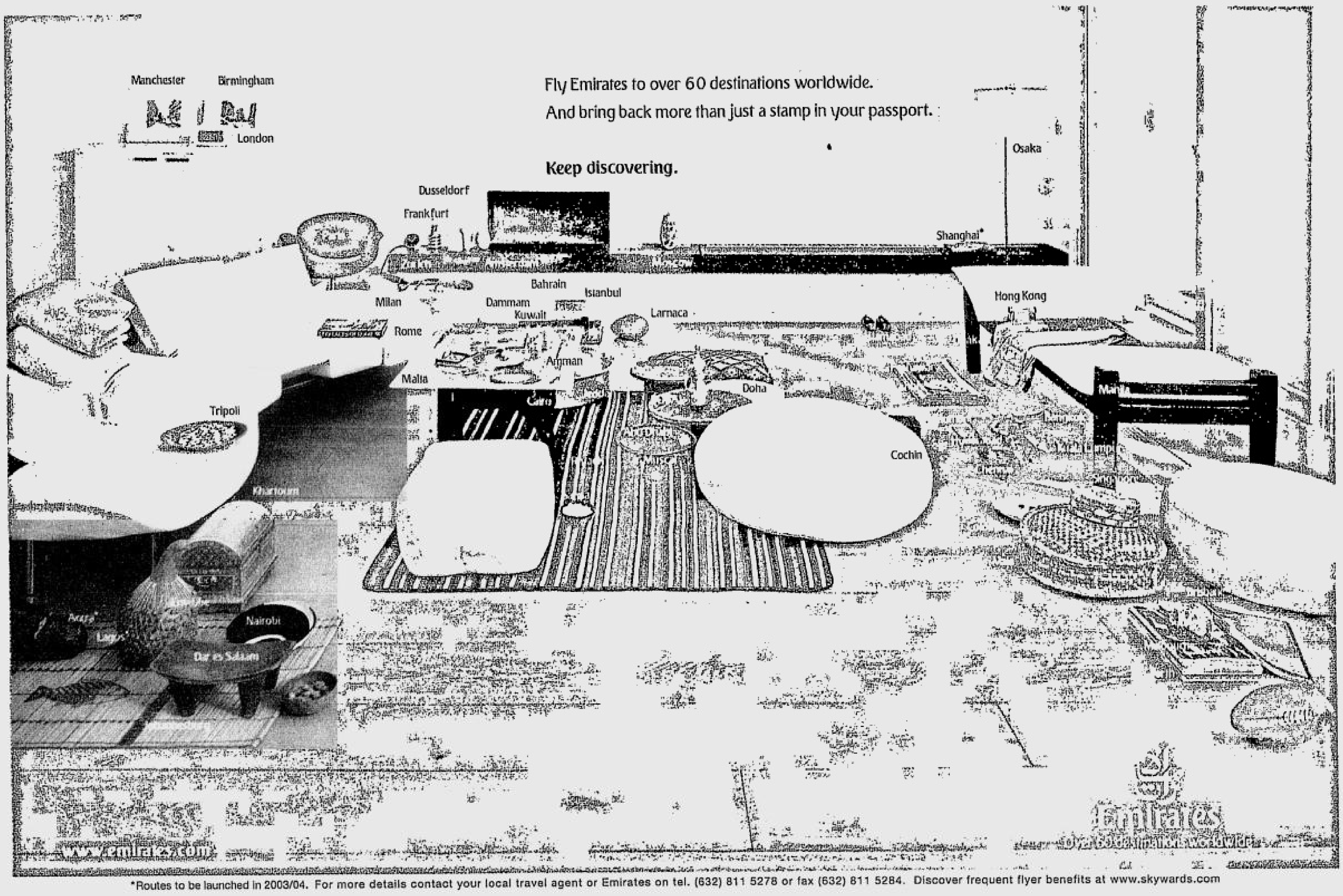

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LIFESTYLE

ALL OF 5'9", Isabel Roces wears khaki jacket with matching sash (P949) over cotton tee and black straight-cut cotton twill pants (P899).

Model behavior

Text by Alex Y. Vergara
Photos by Jun de Leon

TALL, pretty and articulate Isabel Roces is the perfect image model, except for one tiny flaw.

As the current endorser of Penshoppe Ladies, she has graced the brand's numerous billboard and print ads for almost two seasons now. However, for someone blessed with good looks and the brains to match, Isabel is reluctant to grant interviews.

As a rule, she only answers questions via e-mail—and thus conveniently skips or glosses over more probing ones. Despite our best efforts, no amount of sweet talk could convince Isabel to change her mind.

But what we saw during the few hours

MODEL/ E2

Isabel Roces, she with the Angelina Jolie pout and the Penshoppe Ladies image, keeps mum about her life

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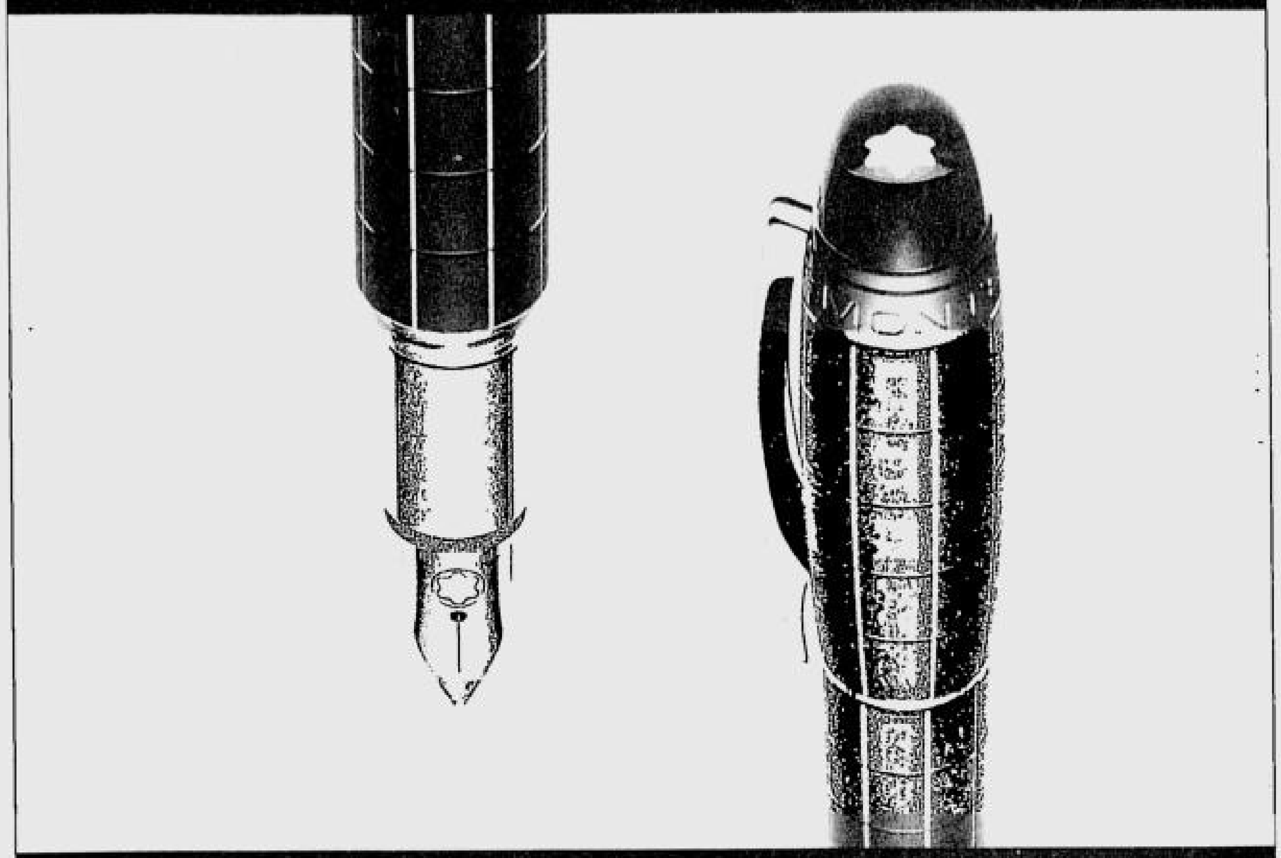

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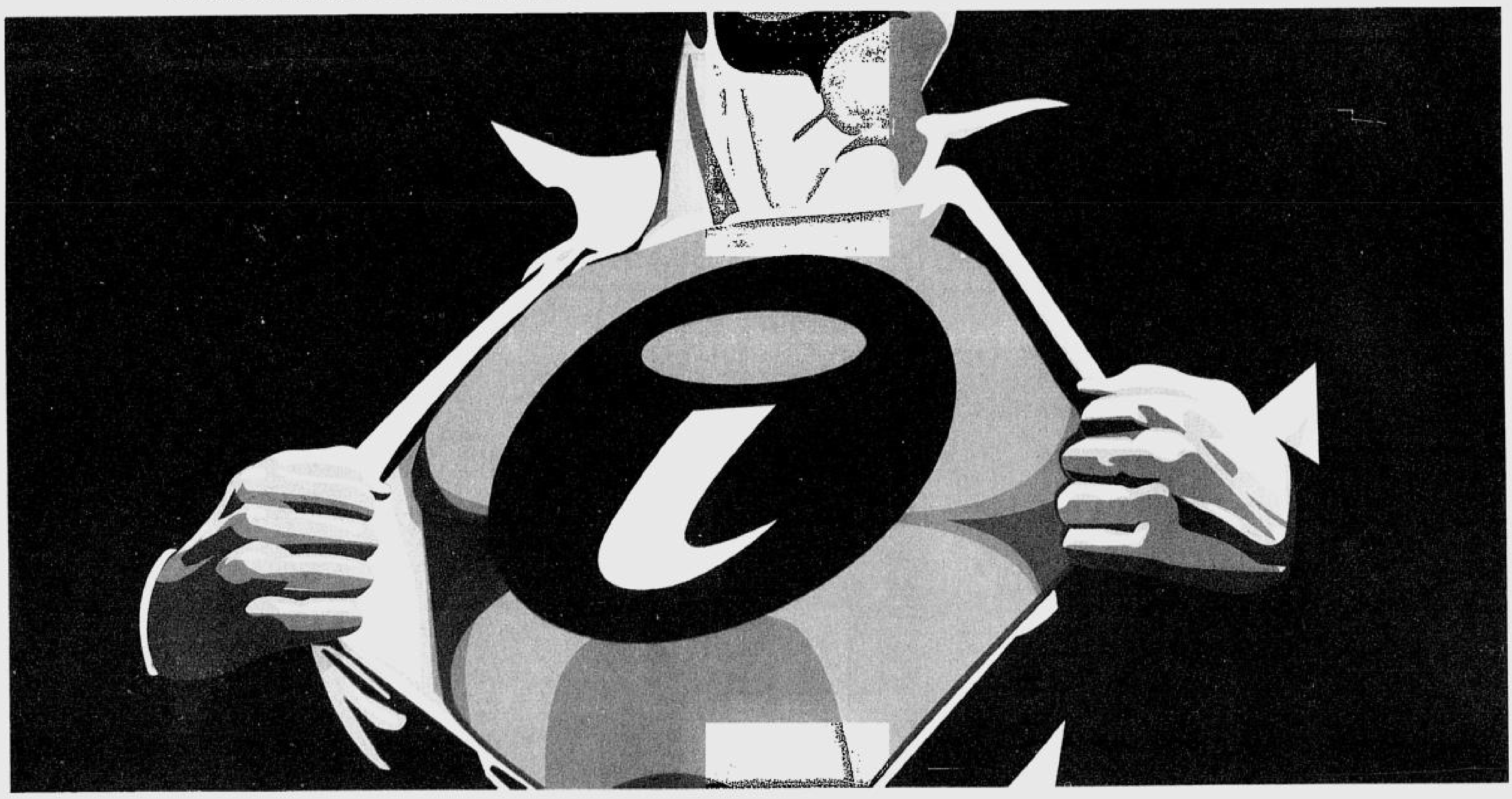

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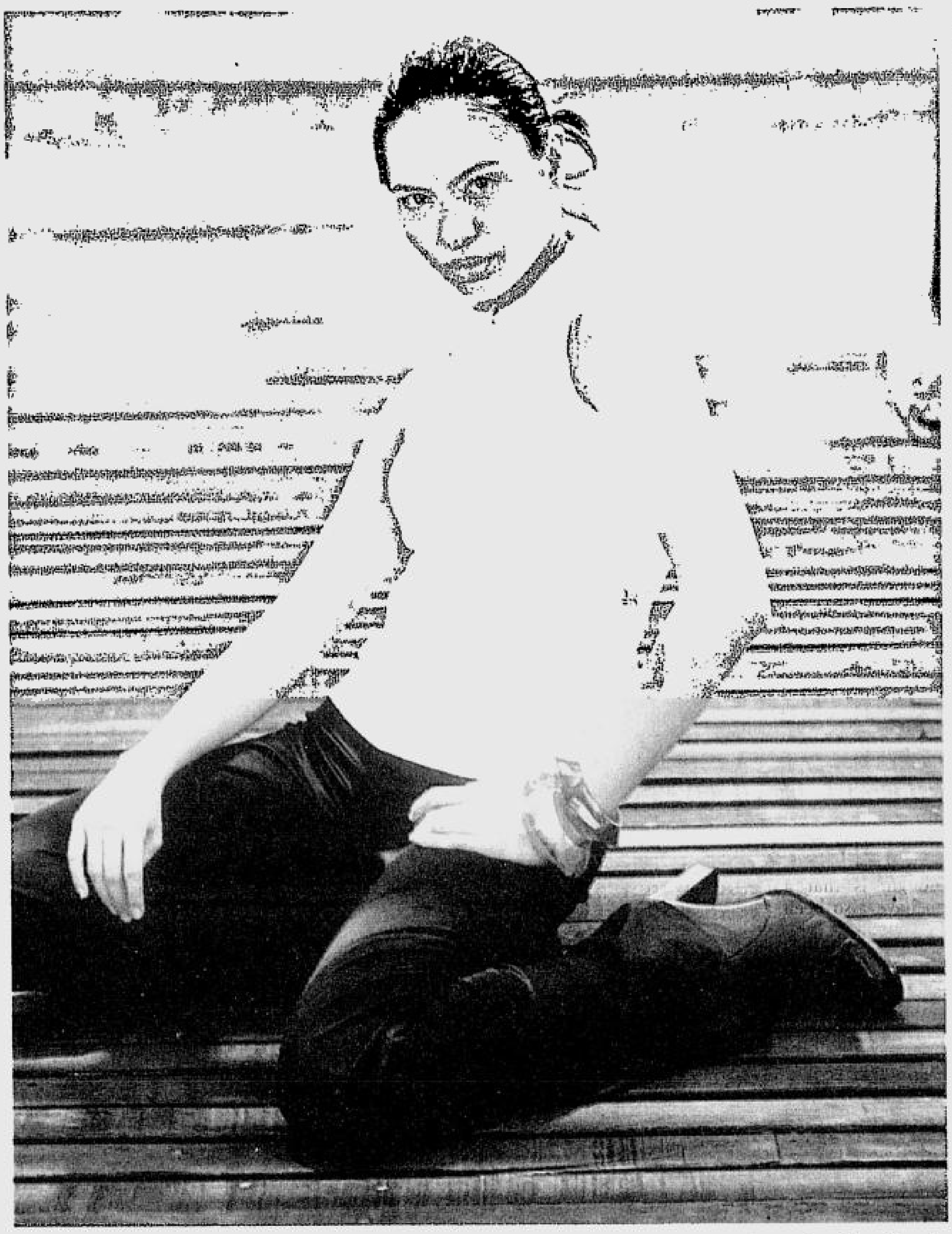
DON'T let her disarming ways deceive you. Isabel, in a khaki V-neck top (P499), can be quite outspoken. She once reportedly gave a veteran actress a piece of her mind. The actress, who arrived late for an out-of-town fashion show, resented it that Isabel and several models used the car that was intended for her. For some reason, the actress trained her ire on Isabel, but the young model, to her credit, stood her ground.

Model behavior



SHOW biz beckons but the model and part-time interior designer, here in white halter top with folded cowl neckline (P849) and black pants, has said no. How about "not yet"?

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we spent with her spoke volumes of how she is both as a person and as a model.

Due to a misunderstanding in schedules, this fashion shoot, which was originally set in Greenbelt, was almost cancelled. At the last minute, the Ayala folks told us to confine our shoot in front of Glorietta 4. Ace photographer Jun de Leon and stylist Rosario Herrera were ready to call it quits rather than compromise the quality of the shoot.

While everyone was frantically burning the lines in search of an alternative location, Isabel managed to remain calm and collected as makeup artist Butch Coo worked on her at a—of all places—Starbucks outlet.

When we were finally able to secure an alternative venue, thanks to Monique Trinidad Toda, our mannequin quickly wrapped her head full of curlers with a silk scarf, picked up her bags and casually joined the rest of us as we crossed the street toward the direction of the New World Renaissance Hotel. Not a peep of protest or hint of a frown even in her unguarded moments.

Disarming

Gigi Tibi, marketing manager of Golden ABC, the company behind Penshoppe, attested to Isabel's patience and disarming ways, whether during long hours of fittings or while doing a demanding fashion shoot for the brand's billboards.

"We once made Isabel fit several pieces of clothes," said Tibi. "She arrived on time, sans makeup, with a sincere and refreshing smile on her face. Since it was the first time we worked with her, a lot of the clothes didn't fit her well. She would quietly go into the dressing room, come out for the team to see and would just stand there quietly while we dissected each and every item she was wearing."

Although there have been offers, show biz is definitely not for Isabel. Modeling while doing interior design jobs on the side are good enough for her. She's an interior design graduate of the Philippine School of Interior Design. Should she break her word, however, Isabel is definitely the country's answer to Angelina Jolie, what with those full, perky lips.

ISABEL, the first of two children and the apple of the late Don Chino Roces' eyes, wears a black halter dress with deep placket (P849). Like many young women, she's partial to denim.

Privacy

"I enjoy my privacy and would like to protect that as much as possible," she said. Yes, she's currently dating someone outside the fashion biz. That's about all she was willing to disclose.

For now, she's not about to give up the perks that go with modeling.

"I love the traveling that goes with it," said Isabel, who's currently in Bangkok doing a commercial. "It gives me the opportunity to see exotic places, immerse in different cultures and work with different approaches to a concept." Aside from allowing her to travel to various parts of the country, modeling has brought her to such places as Singapore and Croatia.

"I sort of stumbled into [modeling]," she added. "It's something I hadn't really thought of but now enjoy doing. I started modeling three years ago when Rhett Eala, a family friend, asked me to model for him. After doing his show, I started getting offers to do other shows, fashion shoots and commercials."

The only granddaughter of the late Don Chino Roces, Isabel was the apple of the old man's eyes.

Believe it or not, at 23, Isabel still has to be home by a certain hour. And in deference to her family's wishes, she draws the line at modeling bathing suits and revealing clothes.

In fact, she's one model who doesn't seem to fuss over her looks. Except for regular trips to the gym, she doesn't subscribe to any particular beauty ritual.

Mom Julie said Isabel, who can leave the house with her hair uncombed, surprised the whole family when she gave modeling a try. "She's very goal-oriented once she puts her mind into something. "

"I'd still like to be part of the fashion industry five years from now," she said, "and hopefully [also] establish myself as an interior designer. My ultimate dream is to see more people turn vegetarian, for their health and for the good of the environment."

Yes, if you want to win Isabel Roces over, don't ever ask her out to try the latest steakhouse, chicken place or seafood restaurant in town. A bowl of fresh lettuce, sprinkled with tomatoes and low-calorie dressing will do nicely for her, thank you.

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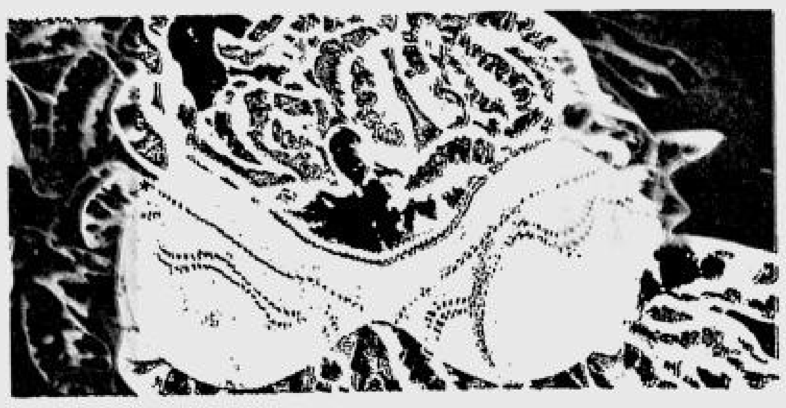
TO STAY lean and healthy, Isabel, in a dark red short-sleeved cowl neck blouse (P529), works out regularly and sticks to a vegetarian diet.

FLORAL swimwear by Zeki



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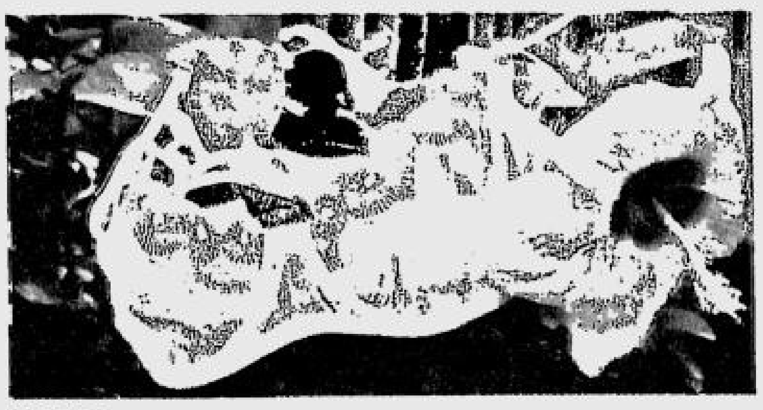

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In lingerie's dreamy embrace

Text by Alex Y. Vergara
Photos by Chito Vecina

LINGERIE Suonos recently introduced a new line of swimwear and intimate apparel designed to pamper discriminating women and raise the heartbeats of their men.

The lingerie store located on the second level of Glorietta 2 is the first and only one in the country to carry high-end European brands such as Christian Dior, La Perla, Galliano, Hanro, Escada and Zeki, to name a few.

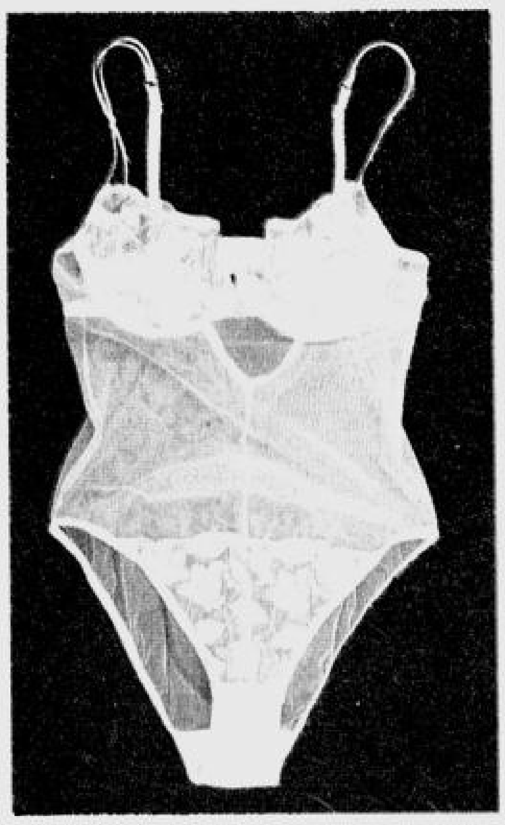
The store's latest collection is a mix of skimpy underwear, sheer chemise and eye-catching swimwear in plain and bold prints.

Women of all shapes and sizes can choose from padded "maximizers" and push-up bras to barely-there lacy affairs that leave very little to the imagination.

Expectedly, a considerable number of women have been flocking to Suonos less than two months since it opened.

What's surprising, though, is that a growing number of men have also been snapping up the store's intimate exclusives. Not for themselves, of course, but for their sweethearts.

Suonos, by the way, means "dreams" in Latin. And Lingerie Suonos is the stuff dreams are made of.



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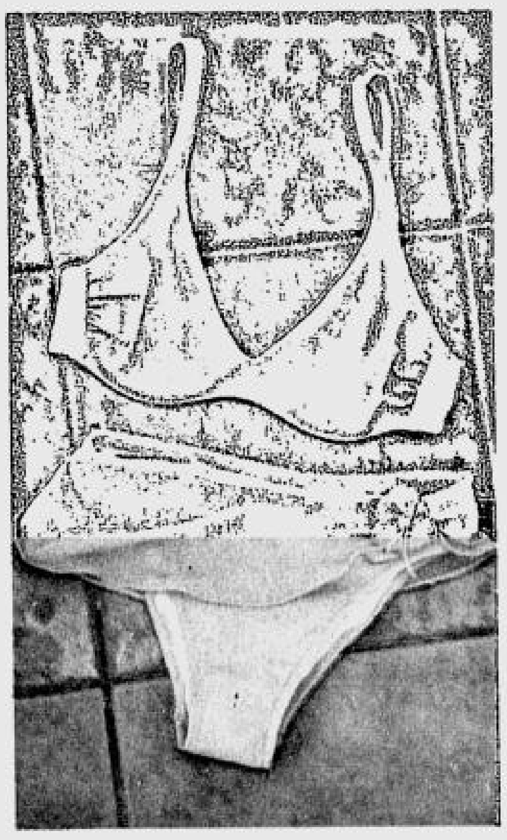

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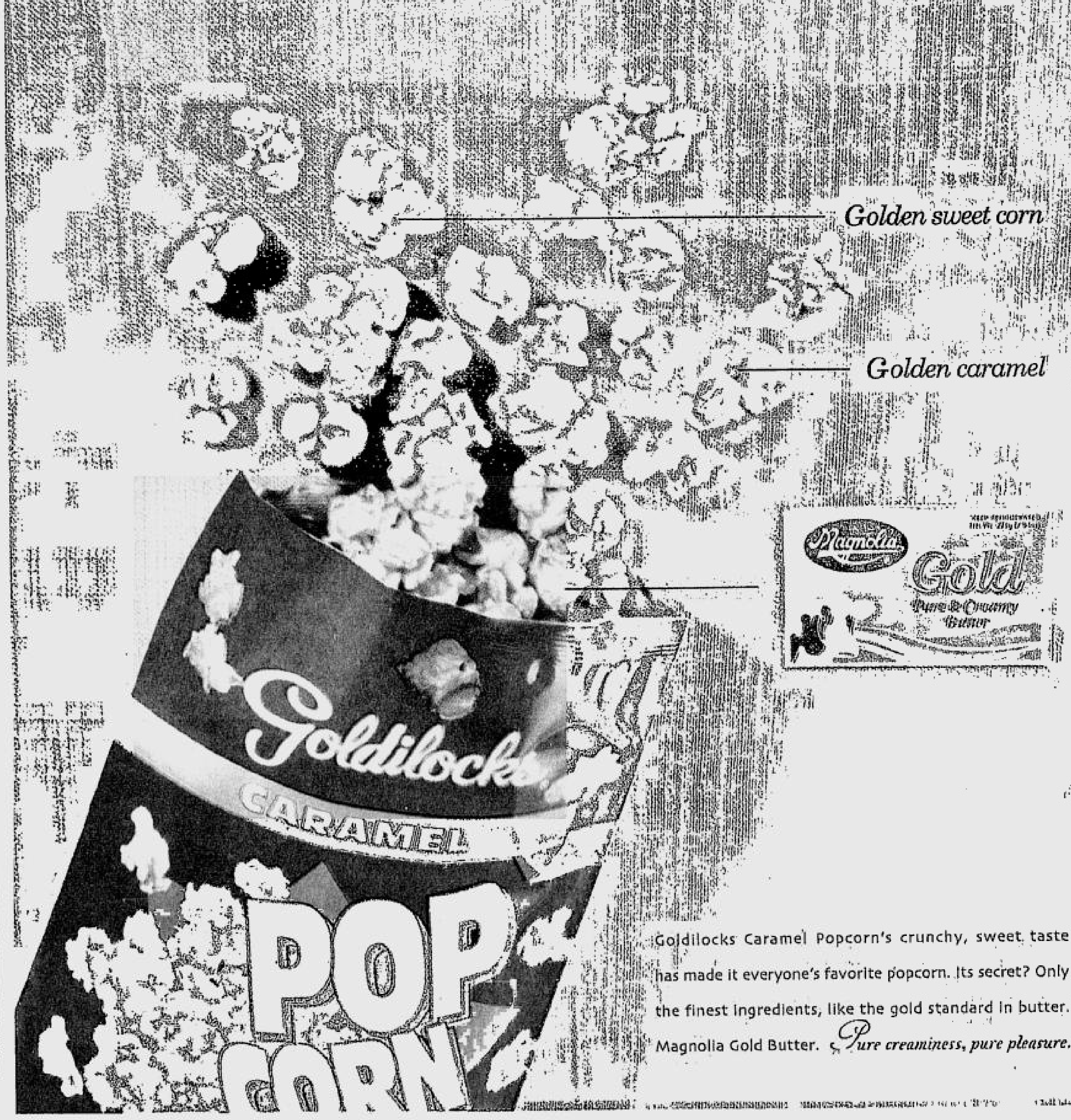

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Halloween highlights

MAKEOVER 911

Kinny Salas

HAPPY Halloween, everyone!

With the numerous costume parties and contests out there tonight, it's very hard to win first prize. You may have the right costume, but if your look is all wrong, all that effort is wasted.

Today, I'm featuring several looks you may want to adopt: Goth by Shu Uemura, Girly-girl boudoir with Pout and the futuristic Electrify by Shiseido. I also have different looks from the Holiday collection of top brands.

Clarins Midnight Flash—for goddesses of the silver screen or ballroom divas. The look is all pure glamour and fairy-tale prettiness, with pastel quartet shimmer eyes in pale yellow, lilac, baby pink and pistachio green, and lips that are peachy pink.

I recommend Illusion N 227 and Emotion 105 for this look. In true Clarins tradition, the colors glide on smoothly. For those who are not comfortable with pastel eyes, go for Deep Shimmer Intense Eye Color in Thunder Grey and Thunder Pink to acquire a look of deep drama and mystery.

Estée Lauder Paradise and Pink for Fall/winter 2003—Pink is very flattering to Asian complexions. This makeup is suitable if you're going for an otherwordly creature look like a nymph, elf or fairy.

NARS sheer Napoli lipstick in pink beige and blush in Taj Mahal

Pure Color eye-shadow duo and mosaic can also double as a blush. Use Pure Color lip vinyl gloss sticks for a sheer look, and crystal lip glosses for fragrances that recall butterscotch and vanilla.

My favorite here is Orchid Paradise crystal. Carolyn Murphy looks like an angel or a magical spirit in this color.

Nars sun and sea—for the mermaid or forest nymph, or even better, Poison Ivy, Eve and Sea Siren!

Check out Cleo Eye-shadow duo in Sea foam (sea green) and Teal shimmer (jewel blue green). Cheeks are bronzed or beach-flushed in Casino bronzer and Taj Mahal blush. Lips are sheer (Napoli lipstick in pink beige) or rich glossy lip lacquer in Eros (raspberry rose) and Vagabond (bronze taupe).

VMV Pretty Purrfect Holiday Collection—Here's the right makeup for Catwoman or any aspiring sex kitten.

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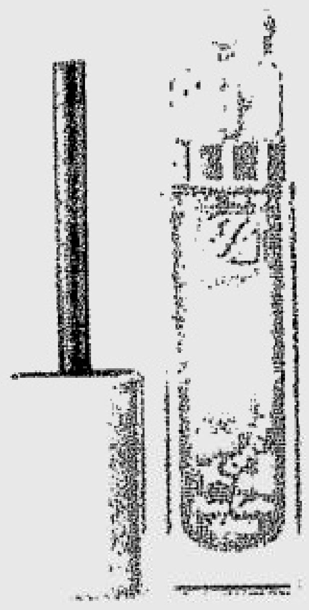

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Forest grows in Katipunan

SEEING GREEN

Doris Gaskell Nuyda

EXPECT a mini forest to rise on Katipunan Avenue, QC. This is the latest report from Annie S. Cruz, our informant from the Greening of Katipunan movement, the community-wide clean and green project in that busy QC thoroughfare. The movement, by the way, was the one that stood up against the controversial plan of the Metro Manila Development Authority to cut trees as a solution to traffic congestion.

Katipunan's little forest is located on a vacant lot between Miriam College's elementary school gate and the La Vista entrance gate. The 700-sq m lot is being planted to mahogany, *banaba, kalachuchi* trees and Doña Luz seedlings, some of which were donated by the Manila Water Corp. The trees now occupy the first three rows of the lot, which, it is hoped, will showcase the importance of trees in busy areas—especially in crowded streets.

The forest project is the latest for Katipunan's greening movement, which was started three years ago by a small group of residents and stakeholders who wished to clear the air and minimize, if not altogether eliminate, air pollution in the area. Creating a mini forest seemed a good way to do it. Planting of flowering plants and resettling sidewalk vendors in the area were the first activities of the group.

Today, Annie Cruz, her hardworking teammates Sylvia Reyes and Marissa Romero, as well as members from the academe and business sector, assure residents and the public that the water pipes under the forest area will not affect the roots of the trees and vise versa.

Clearing the "greenbelt" or forest area and digging holes in it were undertaken by MMDA workers, with residents providing the tools and food. When the MMDA tanker is not available, Annie and her team do watering chores on alternative weeks. Helping out fill drums of water every week are Miriam College, Ateneo de Manila University and De la Strada Church.

Because the plan also includes planting trees on the other side of La Vista's entrance gate, other donors have offered more saplings. Annie's team acknowledges them: QC Parks and Wildlife Development, Manila Water Co., National Power Corp., Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office, Inner Wheel Club-QC, Rotary Club of Loyola Heights, Cravings Restaurant and Shoppersville.

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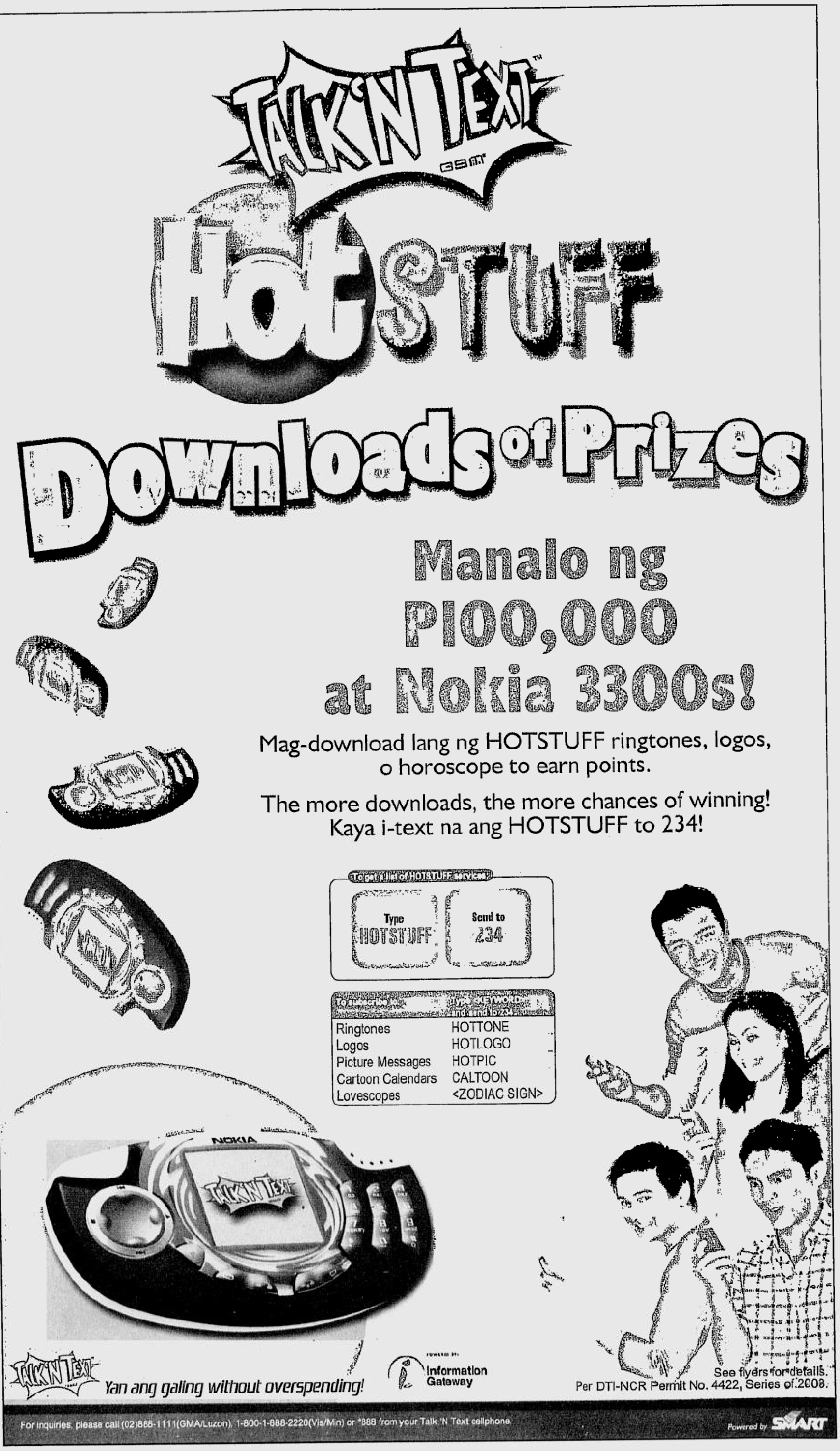

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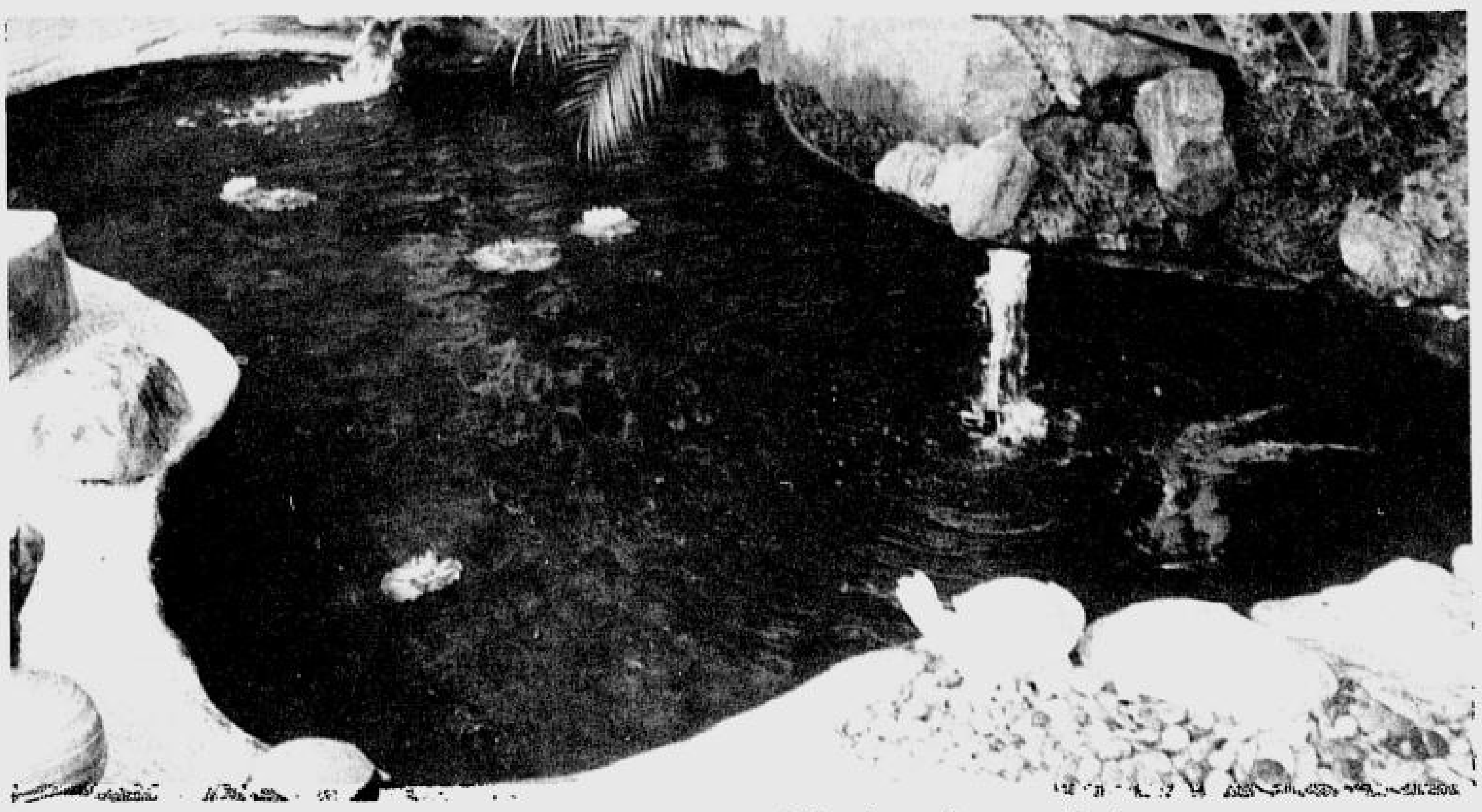

CUSTOMERS can order a pond, lock, stock and barrel, so to speak, or redesigned according to specifications.

New store sells landscape

Text by Tita V. Giron
Photos by Randy Hormillosa

SOMETIME ago, we wrote about the first garden warehouse in the country. It was a one-stop emporium where gardening and plant arts supplies were available.

The warehouse still supplies the local market with a very wide range of items but its owner, Adela Ang, has thought of yet another innovative idea. This time it is a one-stop center called Landscaping Unlimited, which introduces the new concept of landscape "shopping."

Besides selling supplies needed for landscaping, the center also offers the services of in-house artists who have come up with model pocket gardens at the Manila Seedling Bank (MSB) on Quezon Avenue, QC. The center has also set up a hydroponics demo greenhouse.

The landscaping center formally opened last Saturday with a garden party attended by members of garden clubs and top names in the landscaping business.

It is the newest in Ang's Green 2000 garden stores that include the main warehouse store on E. Rodriguez Extension which has a garden supply depot, florist's store, healing garden section and lecture hall; and a branch at MSB.

Landscape Unlimited occupies Greenhouse No. 1, one of the quonset-type plant houses at MSB. The five different pocket landscapes on display were done by well-known artists Yuyung Lao, Francis Gener, Oliver Ang, Jimmy Floro and Jerome de Jesus.

Whole or parts of a garden

Ang said interested homeowners could borrow landscaping ideas or learn from the showcase. They could also order a whole pocket garden or parts of it.

For example, a buyer can order the pine-stick gazebo garden designed by Gener. Or they can choose to get only the *koi* and garden pond. What's more, they can commission any of the landscapers to make their gardens.

Available at the center aside from landscaping tools and equipment is an interesting array of landscaping supplies. There are plastic and terra-cotta pots, bonsai pots and trays, seeds, pre-mixed garden soil and pine tree sticks from New Zealand, among others.

Collectors might be interested to know there are polished stones in varying colors that can be used for decorative pavements and ground cover. There are also rocks and boulders, tiles, garden furniture, lighting fixture, portable greenhouses, trellis, etc.

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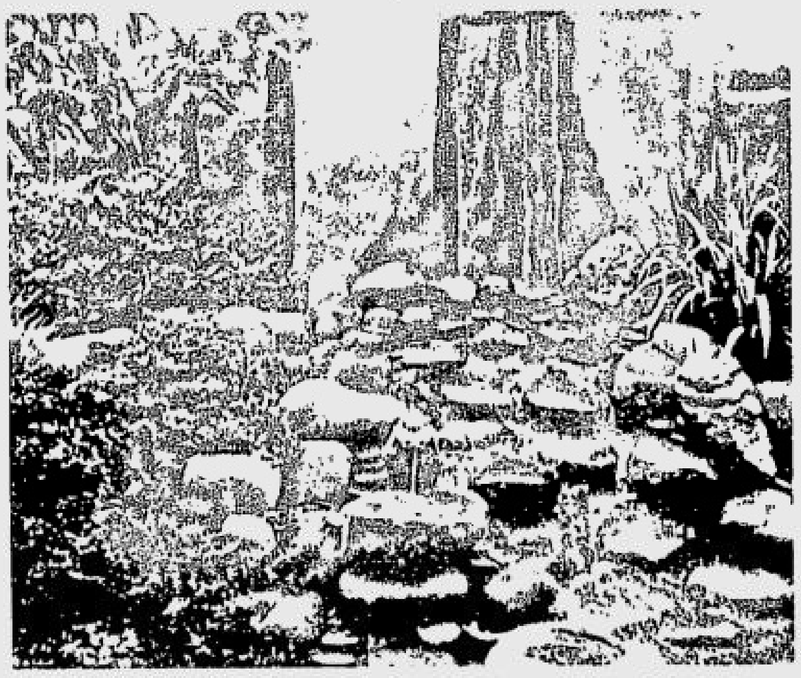

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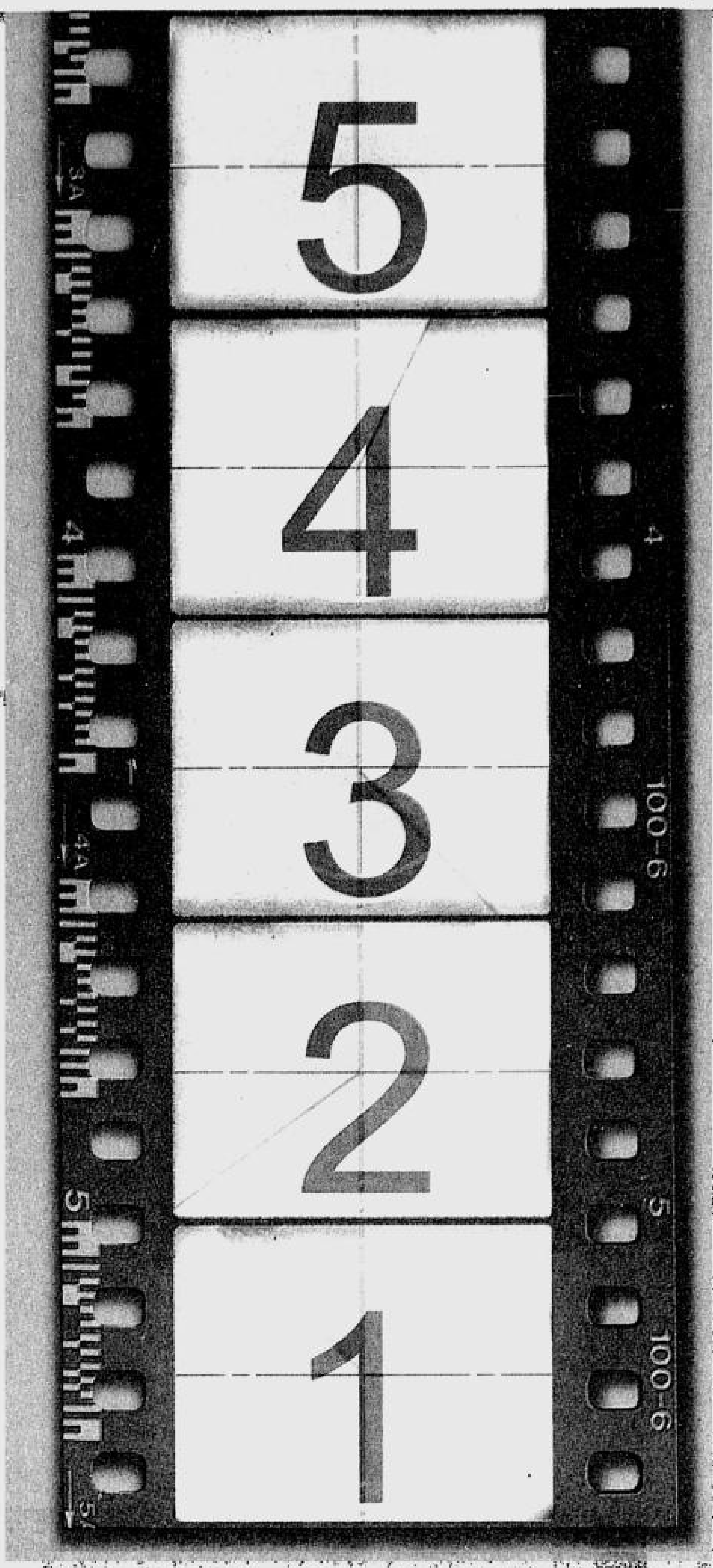

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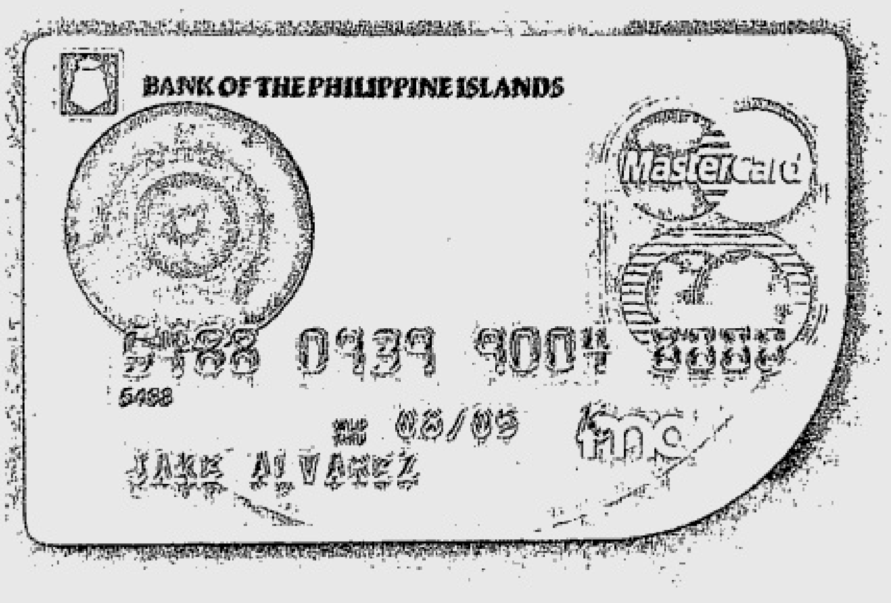

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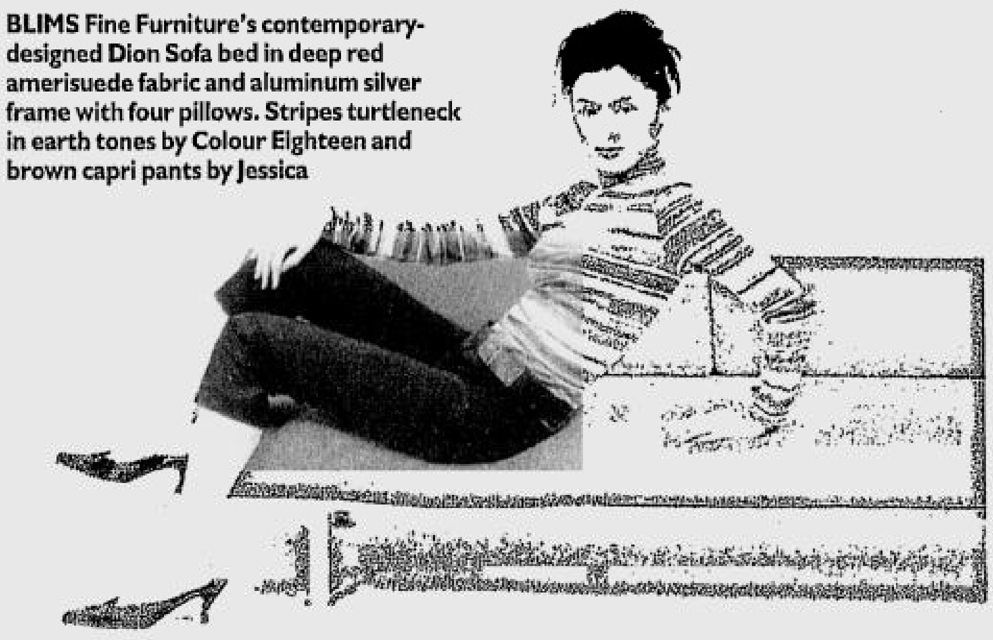

BLIMS Fine Furniture's contemporary-designed Dion Sofa bed in deep red amerisuede fabric and aluminum silver frame with four pillows. Stripes turtleneck in earth tones by Colour Eighteen and brown capri pants by Jessica

Exhibit showcases fashionable furniture

THE ORGANIZING committee of the 25th Philippine Furniture Festival is set to introduce trendy, comfortable furniture pieces in fashionable colors as the highlight of the exhibit that will run at SM Megatrade Halls 2 and 3 on Nov 7-16.

Visitors to the show will be welcomed by furniture designs under such motifs as "floral renaissance," "camouflage," "cross culture," "new luxury" and "sophisticated fun."

The exhibit's furniture fashion forecast will be guided by the Product Development and Design Center of the Philippines, which will also help the exhibitors develop new product designs based on this concept.

A series of educational seminars focusing on various topics of interior design will also be conducted by the Philippine Institute of Interior Designers.

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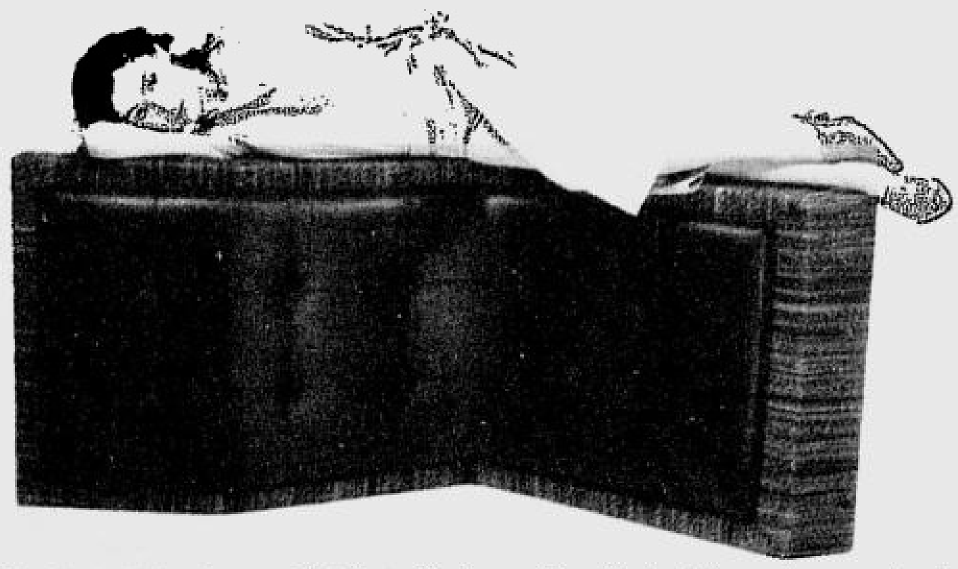
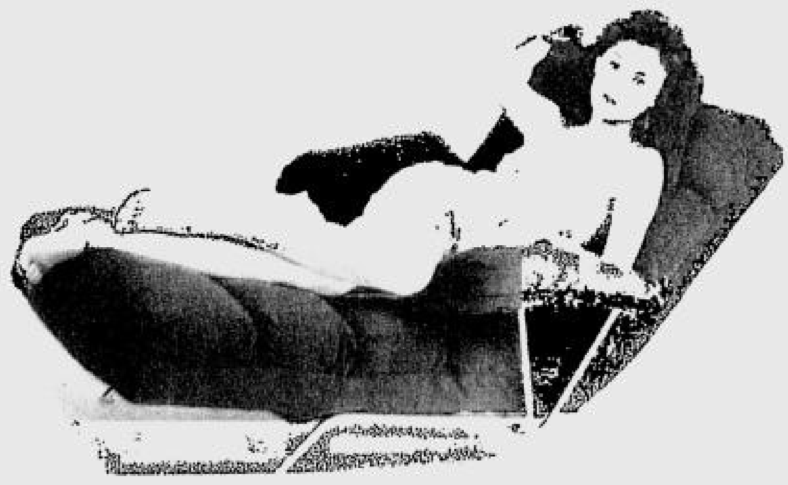
MODERN bamboo armoire and tall boy, a cross-culture rendition by Designs Ligna Inc. in ash wood solid with bamboo twigs. Reach knil blouse by CK and dark denims by Diesel



FUNCTIONAL Libra Lounge Chair bound in abaca with padded upholstery for exceptional comfort. Steel tapered legs complement the whimsical shape of this piece, a camouflage rendition by Arte Caña Corp. Green embroidered long sleeves knit by Diesel and khaki cropped pants by CK



"FEEL Relax" chair with arms, in midnight blue amerisuede fabric body with polyester padding, steel pipe coating frame in aluminum silver by Blims Fine Furniture. Salmon bareback haltered dress by Diesel

BLIMS Fine Furniture's Simon Erin full sleeper in fabric. Black long sleeves knit top by Episode with gun metal taffeta ball skirt by Esac

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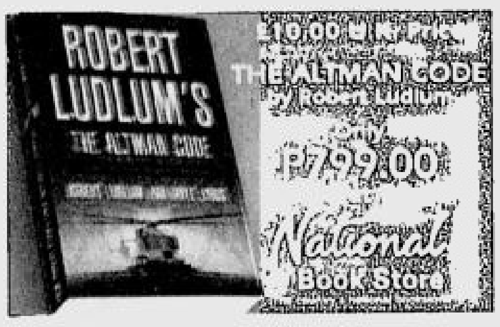

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I'VE come across only one person who has completed her Christmas gift list.

The holiday mood hasn't kicked in and—I think this is the bigger reason—you wonder if the holiday mood would ever take over the election mode. The mood is more like ghoulish, and not really because it's Halloween. It's more because many feel dismayed at, if not helpless over what's going on.

With the Chief Justice himself impeached and politics a debilitating free-for-all, you've just about given up on the country (**Conrad de Quiros** has) that seems to be bent on self-destruction.

Things are getting messier—the city literally. Note how streetchildren, actually street people, have assumed such great varieties—from "mother-and-child" acts to loonies—and are everywhere, really everywhere.

If you're not the typically corrupt politician and are just a hardworking corporate stiff or entrepreneur, you wonder where and how you and your values fit in the scheme of things. If you're not inclined toward politics or show biz, you wonder how else you can

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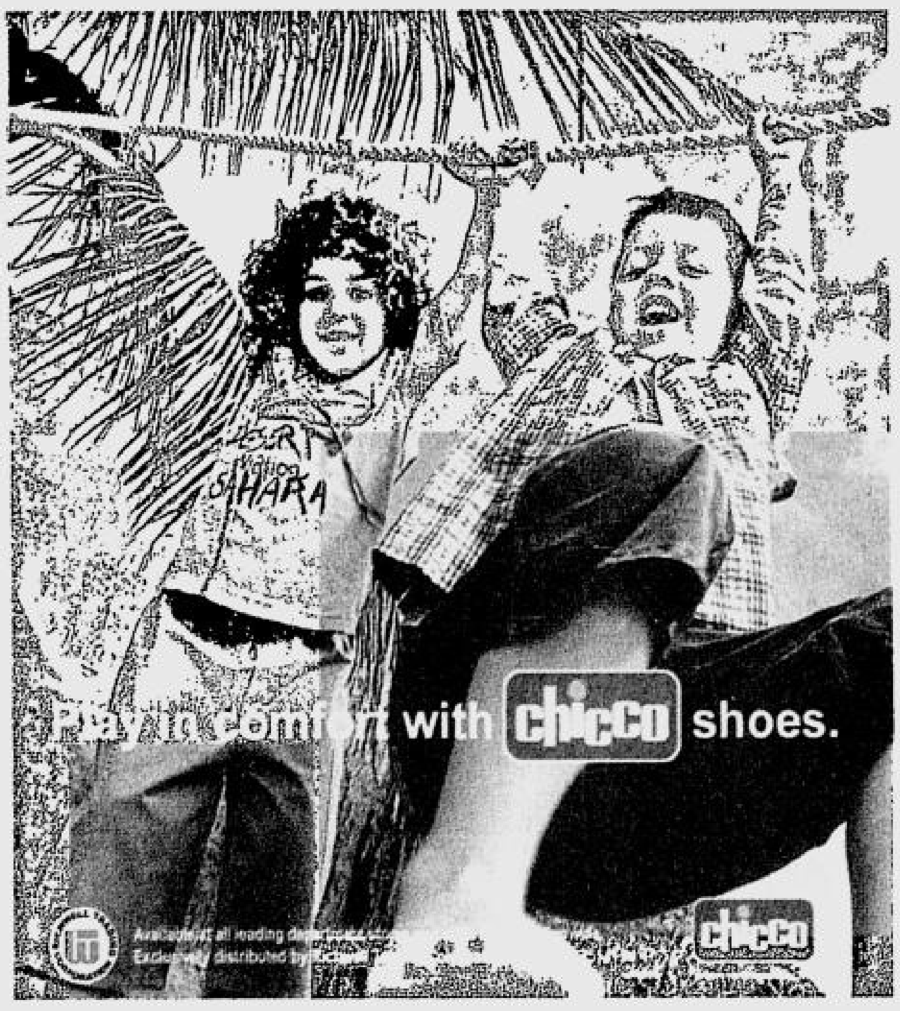

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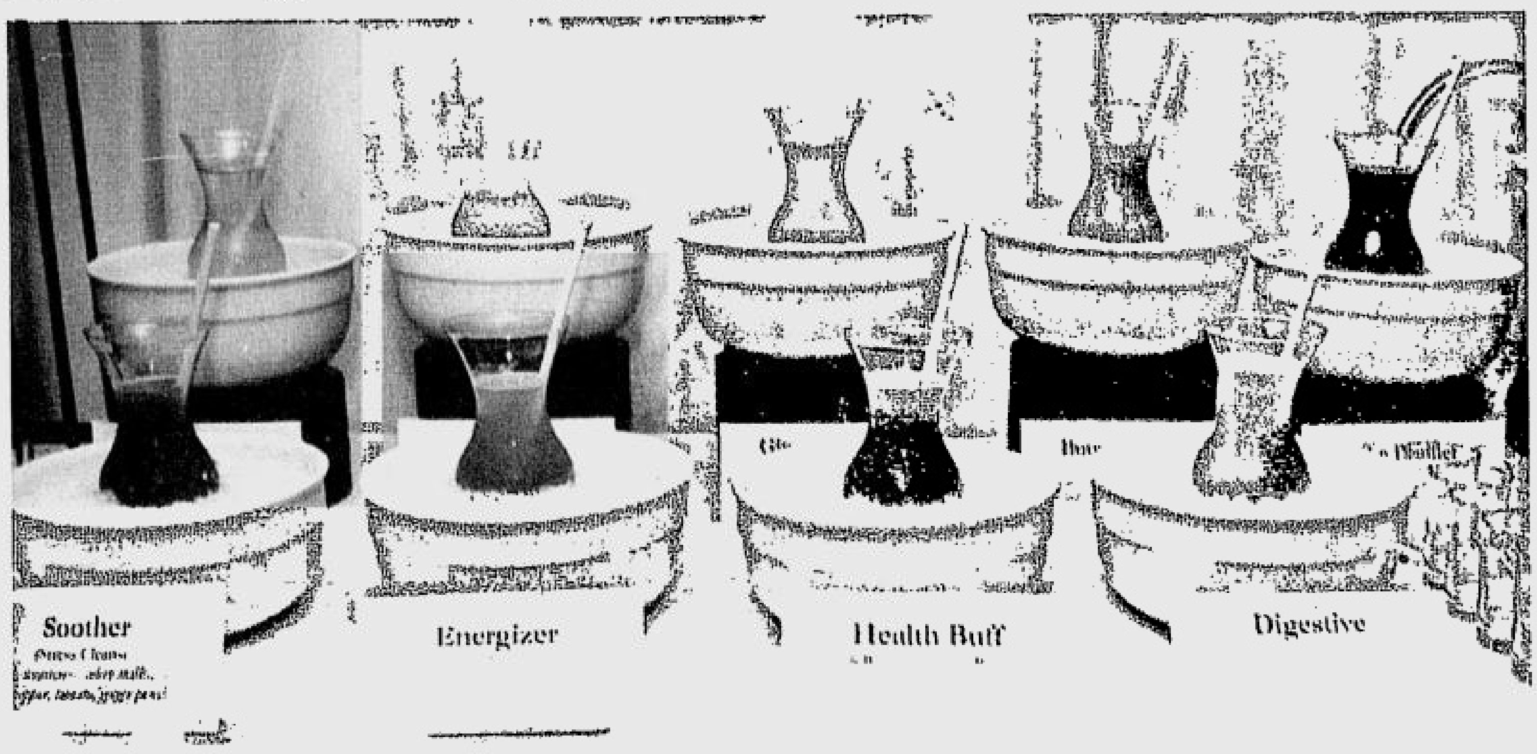

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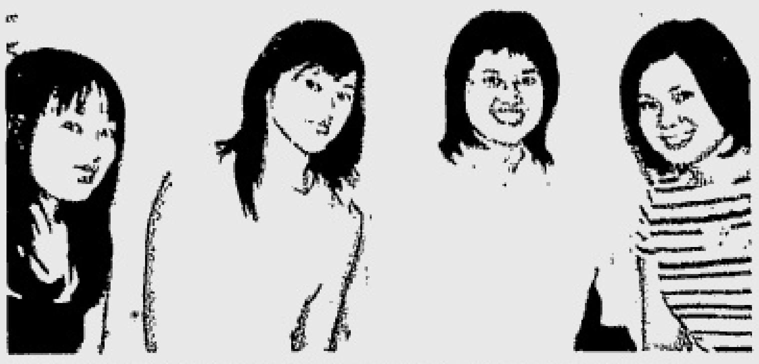

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Of naturally glowing skin, tattoos and watches

WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH

Maurice Arcache

Photos by
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ONCE again, TechnoMarine broke new ground when it launched its eye-catching Maori-themed watch collection at the Rizal Ballroom of the Makati Shangri-La Hotel.

Based on the rebirth of ancestral values and civilizations closely related to the ocean, the striking new collection features watches with relief designs and variations of a tribal tattoo on a lacquered dial.

The event, called Temptation, was hosted by **Amanda Griffin** and **Troy Montero.** It included cocktails, a fashion show, live entertainment and a raffle.

Inspired by the beaches of Polynesia, **Richard Tann,** the event producer, transformed the ballroom into a lush, tropical paradise. The bar stations looked like shacks.

According to Richard, "This was how ancient people would put up their houses if they were by a beach that led into a forest."

The influence of the Maori tattoo was evident in the stylized tote poles that served as the backdrop.

Heading the pack of Manille's elite was former first lady **Imelda Marcos** and TechnoMarine Asia Pacific head Monsieur **Serge Shoukron**. They unveiled the new timepieces at the ballroom foyer.

Models in tasteful risque getups formed a 360-degree tableau. The tattoos on their bare skin were the perfect platform to show the new watches from the 2003 TechnoMarine Autumn/Winter collection.

Next came the fun fashions by the Young Designers Guild and swimwear by Tabu Past. Manille's loveliest such as **Pam Ayson, Tracy Abad** and **Raya Mananquil** modeled the clothes.

Two members of the legendary Circus Band—**Jacqui Magno** and **Pat Castillo**—and hot singer **Anna Fegi** provided the entertainment.

Guests included **Nini Licaros, Naty Papas, Louie** and **Cecille Ysmael**, and Shu Uemura's **Tina Tinio** and **Xeng Zulueta.**

While the swimsuit portion for women and men was taking place, I spotted several personalities in complete attention, such as **Jeena Lopez, Kat de los Santos,** Inq.7's **Paolo Prieto, Renee Araneta, Ines Delgado** and **Chukri Prieto, Rose Montenegro, Angela Arroyo, Ranie Sta. Maria** and **Carlo Lopez.**

The swimwear by Tabu were perfect for the coming summer. They went superbly with TechnoMarine's latest must-wear wrist watch.

Joining **Rene Florencio**, TechnoMarine Enterprises Philippines, Inc. chair, were Rotary governors **Pepe Peralta, Oskie de Venecia, Efren de Guzman, Edison Ang** and **Tony Rufino.**

Also having a grand time were TechnoMarine Singapore's **Amanda Mok** and TechnoMarine Asia Pacific's **Bill Young** with **Jimmy Tay** and **Adam Tang** of the Hourglass, Ltd. Asia, who all jetted in for this happening.

Extremely lucky guests walked home with six TechnoMarine watches and a round trip ticket for two to Auckland, New Zealand courtesy of the evening's sponsor, Air New Zealand, natch.

Rafael Jewellery, TechnoMarine's official agent at the Shangri-La, was open until midnight to allow clients to see the Maori Watch Collection, Maori Accessories Collection and the Limited Edition Marvel Collection up close.

New from Neutrogena

Neutrogena has introduced a new line of skin care. For the launching, guests enjoyed a full afternoon of wonderfully indulgent spoiling and unrestrained girl talk over a long, leisurely lunch.

Ah, *palanggas*, skin care was never this fun, relaxing and yummy!

Neutrogena senior brand manager **Maita Ancheta** and group brand manager **Rezel Aquino** hosted the fun party, together with that "Neu" face of Neutrogena, the gorgeous **Vivien Tan**, who flew in from Singapore.

Vivien was selected for her natural beauty inside and out. She lives and practices super-healthy habits, such as yoga, golf and dieting. She stressed "the importance of caring for our skin from the inside to the outside and finding ways to feel brand 'Neu.'"

The suite was all dolled up in stress-free white and blue, a cozy setup designed for serious chilling out. Here, the first thing one noticed was the miniature waterfall—a soothing sight for office-weary eyes.

A fusion of jazz and rare tunes, what the spinners called "organic-a-gogo," completed the spa cuisine and massage-party environment.

Health writer **Linda Page** provided "Neu tidbits" of info on the color of our food.

Red food (tomatoes, cherries, cranberries, radish and rye) heats up our bodies. Orange food (sesame, pumpkin, apricots, oranges and carrots) promotes vitality. Yellow food (lemon, butter, pineapple, peach, papaya and mango) stimulates the motor functions and strengthens digestion. Green food (leafy veggies and avocados) cleanses the blood. And blue food (grapes, celery, blueberry and asparagus) is great for mental work.

Neutrogena urged guests to make the proper lifestyle choices, which affect the state of our skin, "resulting in real beauty that comes naturally."

Check it out, *palanggas.* A new feel-good you is about to make a grand entrance.

> Guests enjoyed a leisurely lunch and a full afternoon of indulgent spoiling and unrestrained girl talk

NEUTROGENA'S group brand manager Rezel Aquino with Tim Yap, Tessa Prieto-Valdes and Neutrogena's senior brand manager Maita Ancheta

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TROY Montero and attractive Mia Florencio with (seated) Naty Papas, Imelda Marcos, Evie Costa and Robert Castañeda

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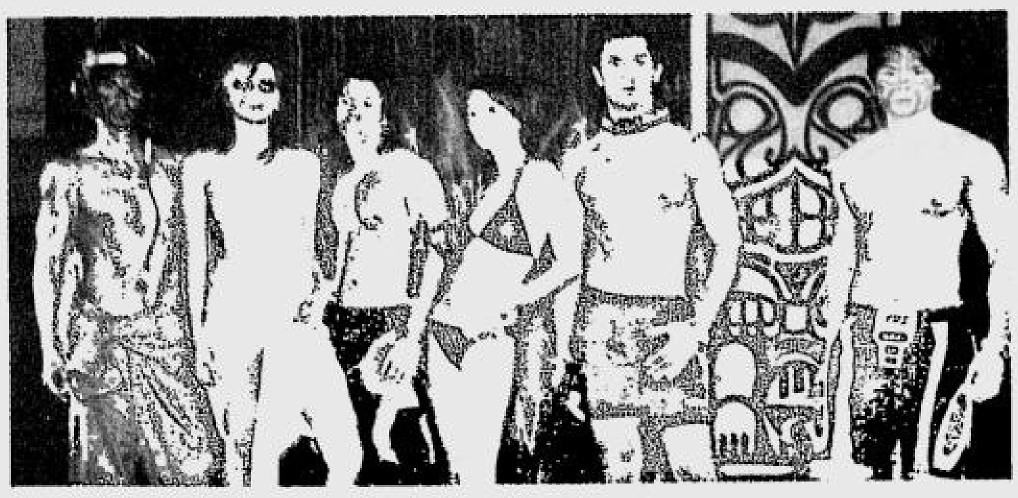


FUN beachwear with TechnoMarine's new Maori-inspired watches

COZY pals: Inno Sotto and Kat de los Santos

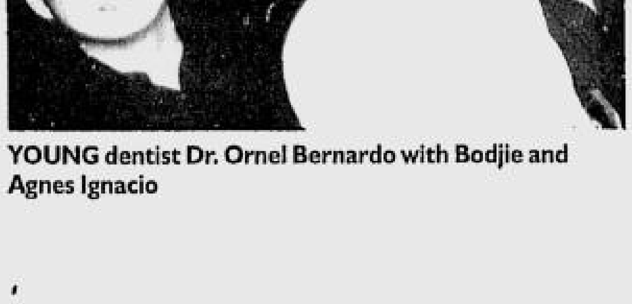
MEGA babes Lorraine Belmonte and Liza Ilarde

AMANDA Griffin

TECHNOMARINE followers: Kate Alvarez, Mike de Jesus, Winchie Tobias and brothers Tommy and Raffy Florencio

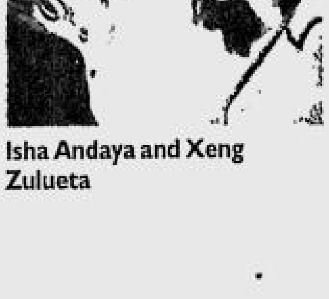
SOCIETY gals go Techno: Tess Reyes and Nini Licaros

SHOW director Richard Tann with Serge Shoukron, hotshot of TechnoMarine Asia Pacific



YOUNG dentist Dr. Ornel Bernardo with Bodjie and Agnes Ignacio

PACK of fashionistas: Parish Chua with Phoemela Barranda and Claire Samson



Isha Andaya and Xeng Zulueta

When ordinary is best

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make a fortune, for those two seem to be the most viable career options thereabouts.

What's the doable thing now for the educated, decent, values-enriched Filipinos who seem to be becoming more and more a voiceless minority?

The other day I got a red box from that voiceless minority, perhaps majority but voiceless nonetheless. The bright orange-red box contained cards you could give away for Christmas.

What makes it different from the usual donation (in lieu of gift, Christmas card) is the box has a pamphlet. "A Giving Guide to a Better Manila," the pamphlet cover says.

Making a difference

The Giving Guide lists 100 worthy causes your card's recipient can help, benefiting the child, the homeless, animals, the environment or the elderly.

It struck me because, given the way things are, the Giving Guide fills the need of many people to try to do something—to try and make a difference even in the seemingly hopeless scheme of things.

Back in the '70s, in our activist years, we used to scoff at such attitude and efforts and dismissed them as palliatives or token charity. But heck, after going through and seeing a lot, we now realize that the private sector can turn things around even if only in select niches—say, heritage preservation or the environment.

We've not lacked in feel-good stories. The government may be a lot of things, but it's still not everything. The private sector—from big business that's anchored on good old Filipino values to non-government organizations— can still weigh in for the future.

We have to think that. Otherwise the other option is paralysis by depression.

"We wanted something practical, that everybody can do within the community," said **Lisa O. Periquet** of the Giving Guide. "Not everybody has the time to volunteer."

Lisa is one of the six people who conceptualized the Giving Guide for Hands on Manila (HOM), a non-profit organization which gives its members various opportunities to help.

Its chair, **Gianna Montinola**, says HOM is a very flexible volunteer organization for busy people. It gives you a whole range of opportunities to help—whenever and however. It's patterned after City Cares in the US.

"It's what you want to do, where you want and when," says Gianna, "from reading to children to helping sort out donated books at the Museo Pambata to helping clean Arroceros Park."

Only two years old, HOM has 3,000 members and is linked up to over 40 organizations. Among those behind it are **Sandy Prieto-Romualdez**, **Maricris Olbes**, **Cesar Purisima**, **Wynwyn Ong** and **Federico Lopez**.

Now, the Giving Guide lists 100 of the causes or institutions you can help.

Others who conceptualized the Giving Guide are **Roberta L. Feliciano**, **Consuelo Katrina A. Lopa**, **Rhona L. Macasaet**, **Dondon D. Marquez** and Gianna. It was Gianna's idea to limit the listings to Metro Manila.

What makes Giving Guide a useful gift is that it has very specific handy information, including the items you can donate to which institution.

"We really made it a point to be specific—you know the location close to you, a cause you're interested in," says Gianna.

The group interviewed more than 100 organizations and causes not only to find out more about what they do but, more importantly, to see how consistently committed they've been and that they're not fly-by-night.

One institution, La Gota de Leche, is about 100 years old and runs a feeding program for children and conducts pediatric consultations. It's housed in a historical structure in the university belt.

Giving what's needed

It helps that the donations needed are specified, so nothing goes to waste.

For instance, you know right away that La Gota can use full cream powdered milk and children's medication. Or that Chosen Children Inc., which cares for physically and mentally handicapped children in a home environment, needs child sponsorships, wheelchairs, walkers, strollers and the like.

The Giving Guide classifies causes—from animal welfare to community service to house, women's issues, education, disaster relief.

It comes with greeting cards featuring photographs taken by members of the Camera Club of the Philippines and designed by B+C Design. The whole package is actually very cheap (for details, call HOM, 8437044, or e-mail homla@info.com.ph).

The Giving Guide is a timely idea that matches the need or product with a market or the doer. As Lisa said, "It encourages the individual to do something in an ordinary way. Very practical."

Doing good these days is not ordinary. But when you see the Giving Guide after you read the news, you don't feel as helpless.

Child for children

Talk about the private sector going the extra mile. There's a new halfway home for cancer-stricken children.

Called Center for Health Improvement to Life Development (or CHILD), it's housed in Quezon City, behind the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office, with 170 beds for children from the provinces seeking treatment for cancer in Metro Manila but have no place to stay.

The children are referred by government hospitals in the provinces. It was **Ricky Reyes'** idea to build this center, with the Metro Manila Development Authority lending a hand.

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THE GIVING Guide's movers: (standing) Roberta Feliciano, Dondon Marquez and Lisa Periquet; (seated) Gianna Montinola and Consuelo Katrina Lopa

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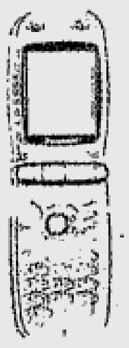
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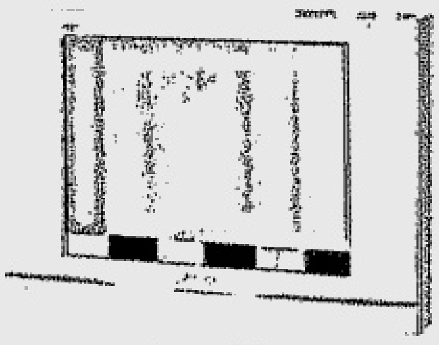
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LULI Macapagal Arroyo and Bea Zobel Jr., co-chairs of the fundraising dinner show

A toast to the terno

THE FASHION industry and the media recently got together for a briefing on the latest project of the Metropolitan Museum Foundation. Dedicated to propagating "Art for all" as its mission, the project renews interest in the *terno*, marker of national identity, and revives the *terno*-making industry.

Presidential daughter Luli Macapagal Arroyo and Bea Zobel Jr. co-chair a fund-raising dinner show titled "The Timeless Terno: A Tribute to Joe Salazar." From this

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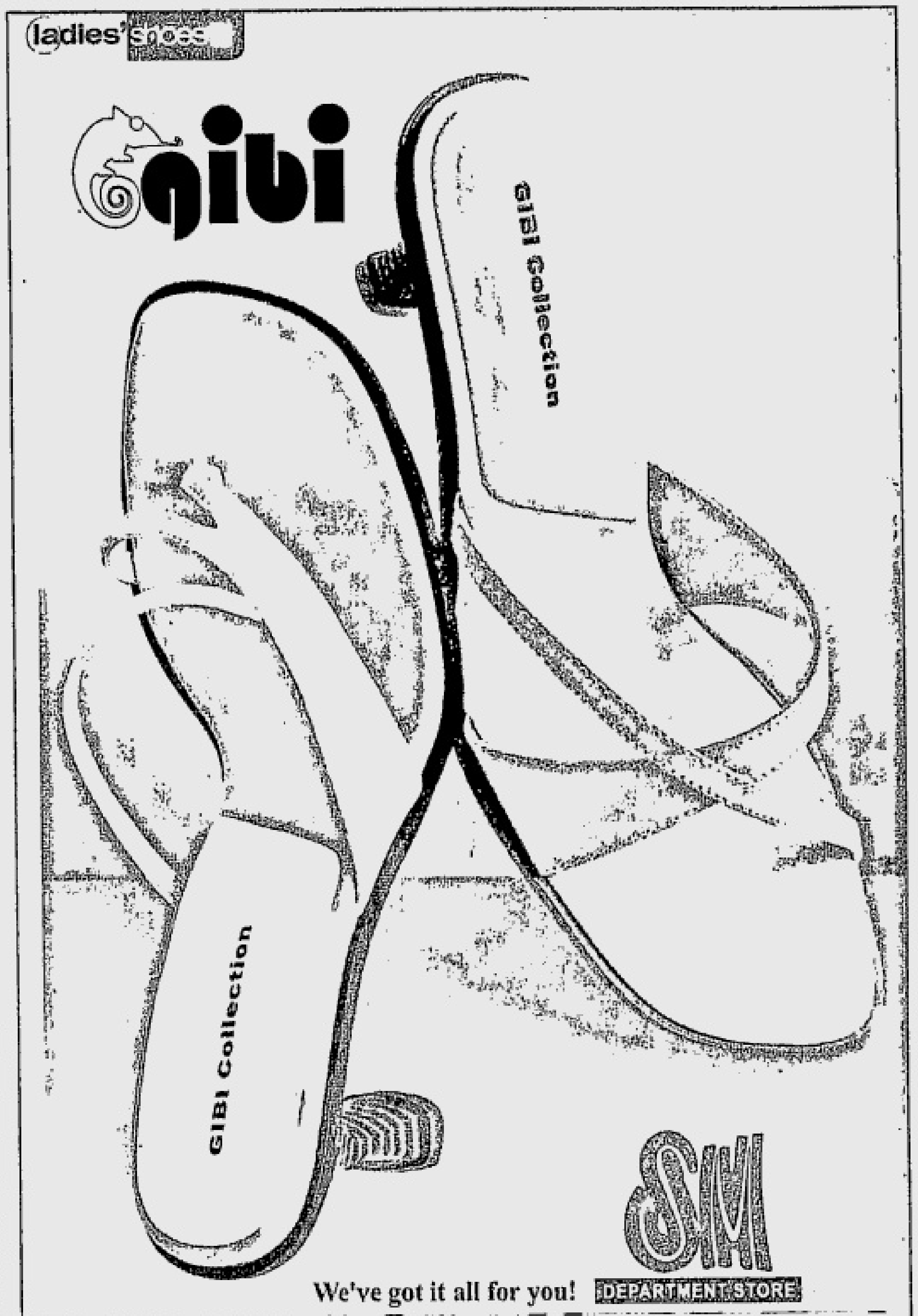

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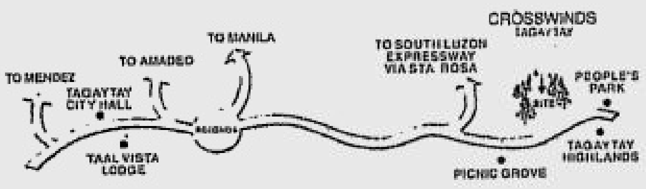

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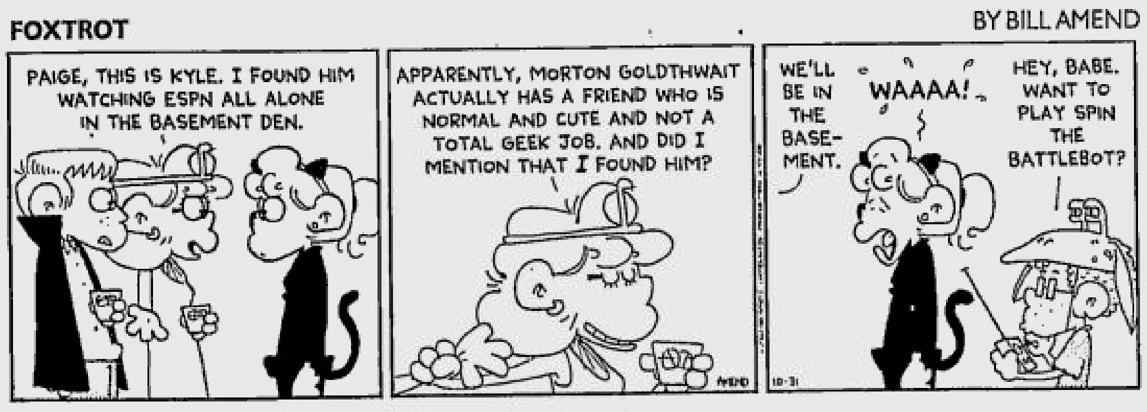
PAIGE, THIS IS KYLE. I FOUND HIM WATCHING ESPN ALL ALONE IN THE BASEMENT DEN.
APPARENTLY, MORTON GOLDTHWAIT ACTUALLY HAS A FRIEND WHO IS NORMAL AND CUTE AND NOT A TOTAL GEEK JOB. AND DID I MENTION THAT I FOUND HIM?
WE'LL BE IN THE BASE-MENT.
WAAAA!
HEY, BABE. WANT TO PLAY SPIN THE BATTLEBOT?
AMEND
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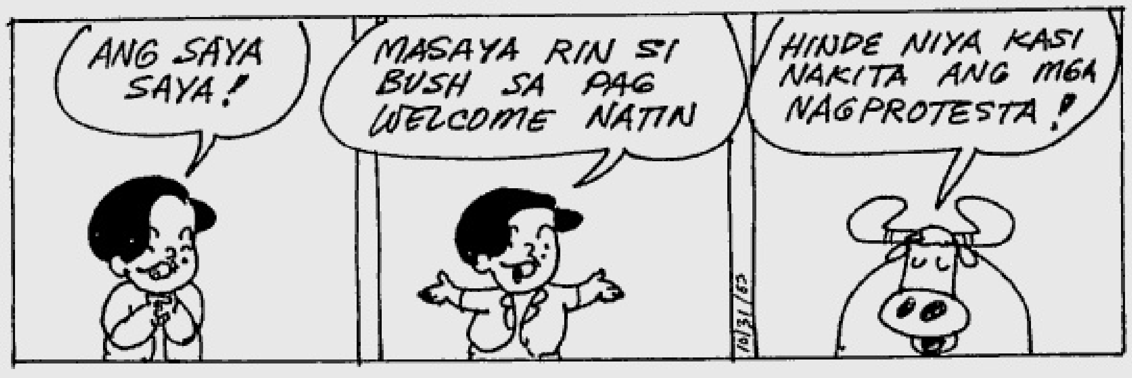
A. LIPIN
BY JESS ABRERA


ANG SAYA SAYA!
MASAYA RIN SI BUSH SA PAG WELCOME NATIN
HINDE NIYA KASI NAKITA ANG MGA NAGPROTESTA!
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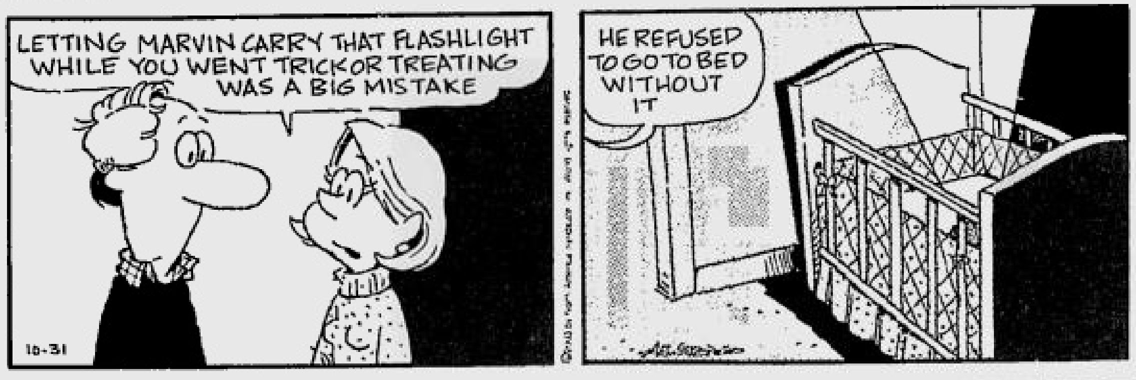
MARVIN
BY TOM ARMSTRONG


LETTING MARVIN CARRY THAT FLASHLIGHT WHILE YOU WENT TRICK OR TREATING WAS A BIG MISTAKE
HE REFUSED TO GO TO BED WITHOUT IT
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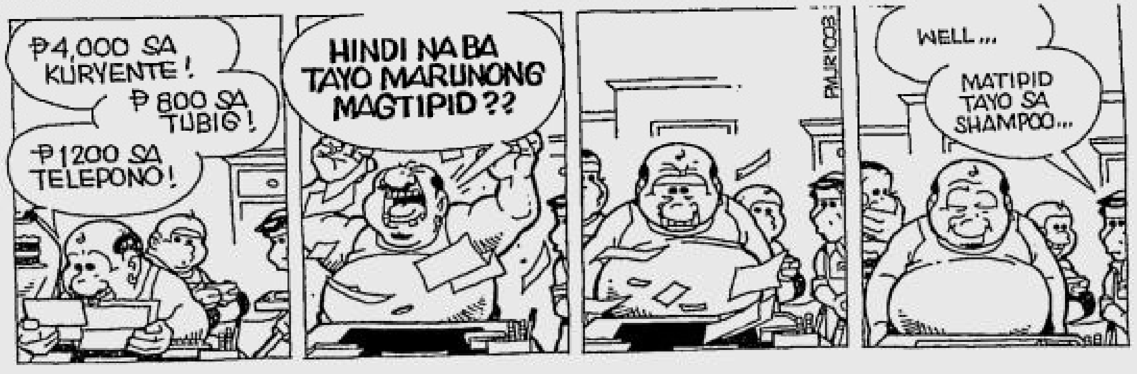
PUGAD BABOY
BY P.M. JUNIOR


₱4,000 SA KURYENTE!
₱800 SA TUBIG!
₱1200 SA TELEPONO!
HINDI NA BA TAYO MARUNONG MAGTIPID??
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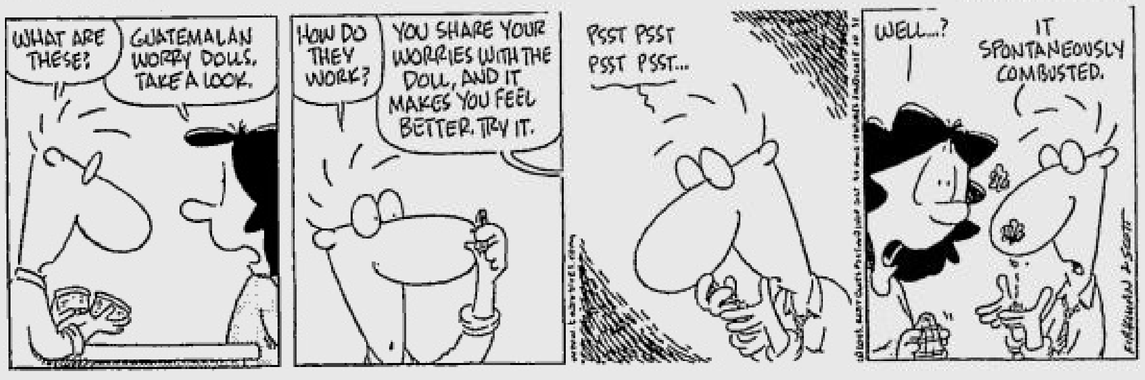
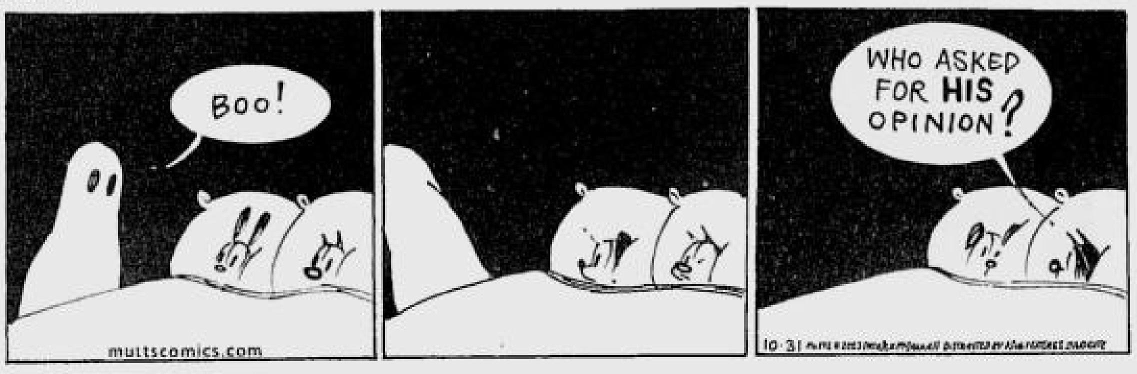
WELL...
MATIPID TAYO SA SHAMPOO...

BABY BLUES
BY JERRY SCOTT


WHAT ARE THESE?
GUATEMALAN WORRY DOLLS. TAKE A LOOK.
HOW DO THEY WORK?
YOU SHARE YOUR WORRIES WITH THE DOLL, AND IT MAKES YOU FEEL BETTER. TRY IT.
PSST PSST PSST PSST...
WELL...?
IT SPONTANEOUSLY COMBUSTED.
KIRKMAN & SCOTT

MUTTS
BY PATRICK McDONNELL


BOO!
WHO ASKED FOR HIS OPINION?
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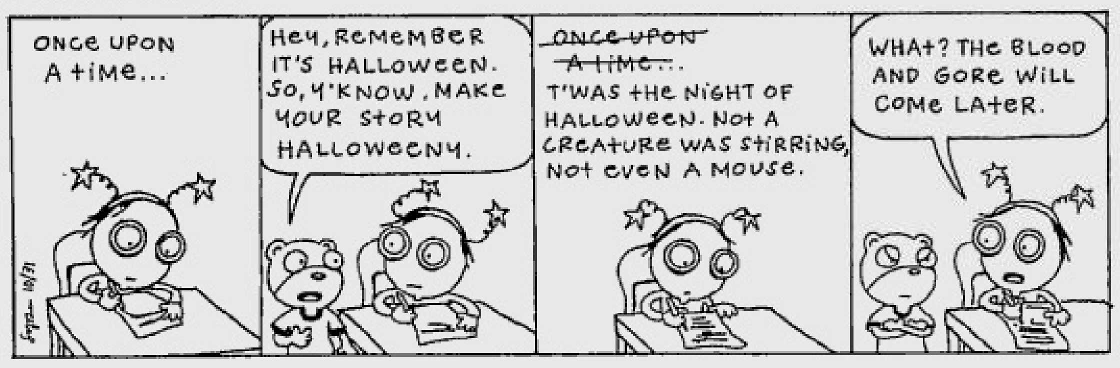
ATOMO AND WEBOY
BY LYRA GARCELLANO


ONCE UPON A TIME...
HEY, REMEMBER IT'S HALLOWEEN. SO, Y'KNOW, MAKE YOUR STORY HALLOWEENY.
~~ONCE UPON A TIME...~~ T'WAS THE NIGHT OF HALLOWEEN. NOT A CREATURE WAS STIRRING, NOT EVEN A MOUSE.
WHAT? THE BLOOD AND GORE WILL COME LATER.
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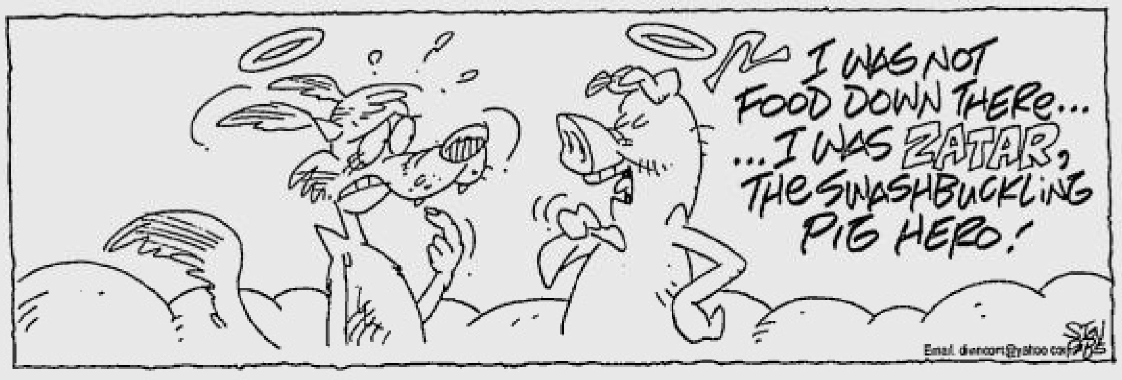
DIVINE COMEDY
BY STEVEN PABALINAS


I WAS NOT FOOD DOWN THERE... ...I WAS ZATAR, THE SWASHBUCKLING PIG HERO!
STEV

HOROSCOPE
BY FRANCIS DRAKE

YOU BORN TODAY: You are high-spirited and cavalier; yet you are also tender and caring. You have the mind of a sleuth, plus you are an observer of the human condition. You can be stubborn when you insist on defending something. You want to know what matters in life. The year ahead is full of beginnings and new ways of being. **Birthdate of:** Dermot Mulroney, actor; John Candy, actor, comedian; Dan Rather, TV journalist.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19): You want to have fun and adventure with friends today. You're in the mood to hang out with some real characters. You want to do something different!

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20): Discussions with your boss (or possibly a parent) are important today. It's your turn to listen. After you listen, then you can express your views.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): Your sense of adventure is triggered today. You want to do something out of the ordinary. Media, publishing, higher education and foreign countries figure strongly.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22): Your sense of romance continues to drive you. Today you are interested in hidden, secret matters. And you just might discover some!

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22): Today's Moon in Aquarius opposes your sign. This means you have to be extra-patient with others; you have to give more than usual. Just go with the flow.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22): Bright ideas, possibly connected with technology, occur to you at work today. Similarly, unconventional people could cross your path. It's an exciting day!

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): You're prepared to spend some money today to have fun. You're also spending money on children and young people. Given free rein to your creative urges. Kick up your heels a little.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): Your focus is on home and family matters today. You feel confident and energized. You want everybody around you to have a good time. (Your sign likes Halloween.)

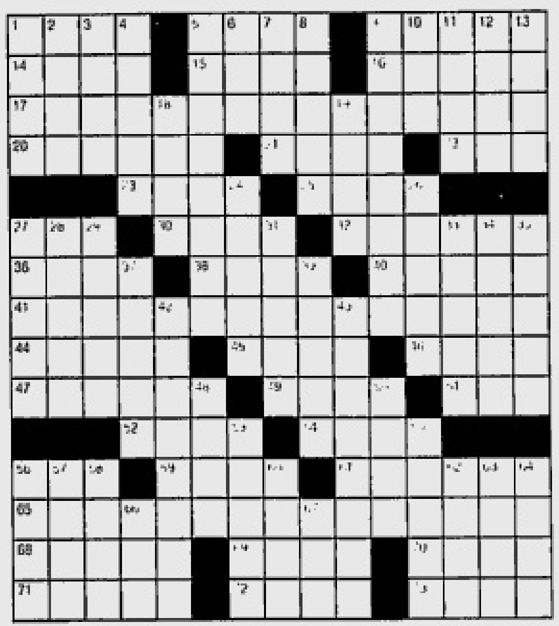
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): You are another sign that likes Halloween. (You like most festive holidays and occasions.) You will have to expect a few minor surprises today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19): This continues to be a social time for you; today, however, your focus is on money and cash flow. A friend could have a helpful suggestion about how to boost your earnings (or spend them!).

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18): The Moon is in your sign today, giving you a slight advantage over everybody else. Get out and enjoy yourself. Don't be surprised if others are attracted to you now.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20): You are of two minds today: On one hand, you want to do something different and adventurous. But on the other hand, you want to retire to your home to enjoy some peace and quiet. You choose.

DAILY CROSSWORD



By Philip J. Anderson
Portland, OR
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ACROSS
1 Fictional whaler
5 Semis
9 State
14 Gulf of the Celebes Sea
15 Churchill's successor
16 Model Campbell
17 Prep, for an angler?
20 Get back to
21 Type of rug
22 Menlo Park initials
23 Lateral part
25 Camper's quarters
27 Varnish ingredient
30 Actress Merrill
32 Geological layers
36 Singer Tori
38 Foster title role
40 Chair designer
41 Prep, for a farmer?
44 Rocker John
45 Formerly
46 "Clair de __"
47 Scorched
49 Bleak
51 Free (of)
52 Waste allowance
54 Vanities
56 O.J.'s judge
59 Bridal wear
61 Like some Easter bunnies
65 Prep, for a pearl diver?
68 "Middlemarch" author
69 Biblical preposition
70 New York canal
71 Attorney general Edwin
72 Host before Carson
73 Diplomat's forte

DOWN
1 __ patriae
2 Partner of faith and charity
3 Bellicose god
4 Unexpected sum
5 Like the outgoing tide
6 Wash. neighbor
7 Actress Rowlands
8 Derisive noise
9 In the way
10 The way to Lao-tzu
11 Wrongful act
12 Poet Lazarus
13 Get up
18 Surrounded by
19 Professional charges
24 Juan's winter month
26 Use a trotline
27 Fills the hold
28 Soap plant
29 Terra __
31 __ for the ride
33 Love affair
34 City near Roma
35 Invited
37 Brief
39 Filthy money?
42 Sap of energy
43 Reside beside
48 Act
50 Othello, e.g.
53 Bind
55 Wintry forecast
56 Thing
57 Fable
58 Dust Bowl migrant
60 Chanteuse Horne
62 Doctor Zhivago's love
63 Of the ear
64 Hone
66 Greek Aurora
67 Mom-and-pop org.

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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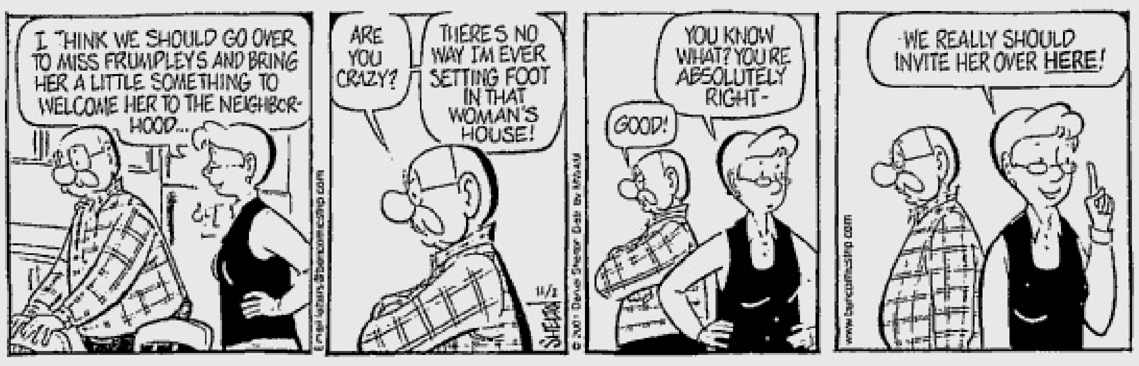
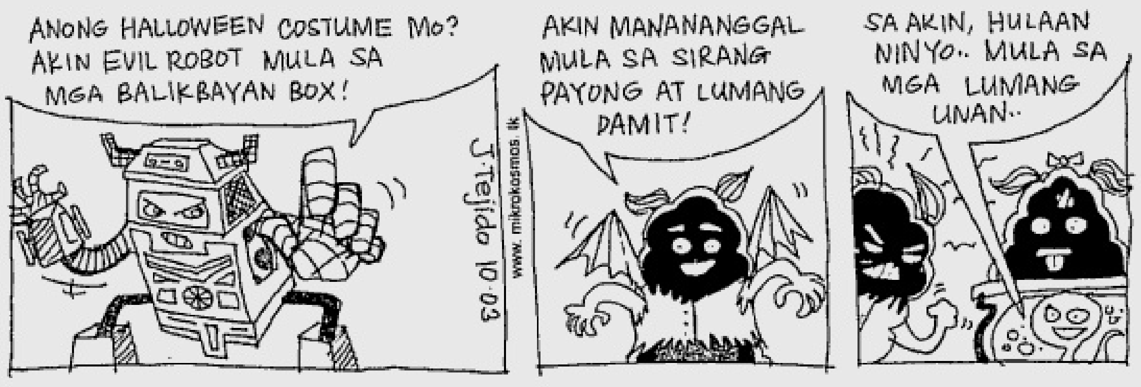
BY DANIEL SHELTON


I THINK WE SHOULD GO OVER TO MISS FRUMPLEY'S AND BRING HER A LITTLE SOMETHING TO WELCOME HER TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD...
ARE YOU CRAZY?
THERE'S NO WAY I'M EVER SETTING FOOT IN THAT WOMAN'S HOUSE!
GOOD!
YOU KNOW WHAT? YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT-
WE REALLY SHOULD INVITE HER OVER HERE!
SHELTON
11/1

MIKROKOSMOS
BY JOMIKE TEJIDO


ANONG HALLOWEEN COSTUME MO? AKIN EVIL ROBOT MULA SA MGA BALIKBAYAN BOX!
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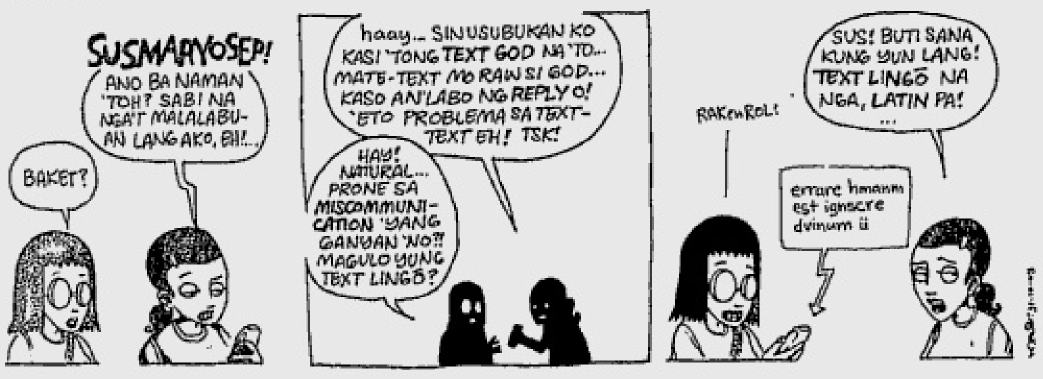
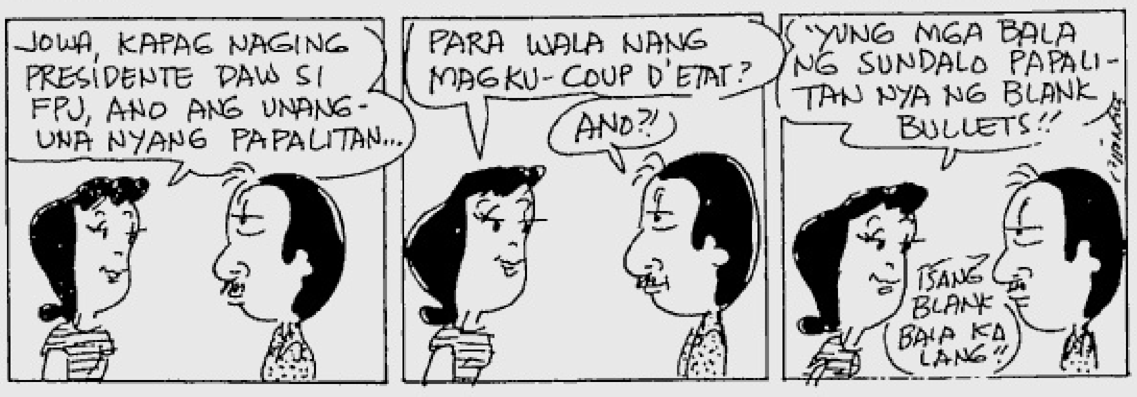
AKIN MANANANGGAL MULA SA SIRANG PAYONG AT LUMANG DAMIT!
SA AKIN, HULAAN NINYO.. MULA SA MGA LUMANG UNAN..

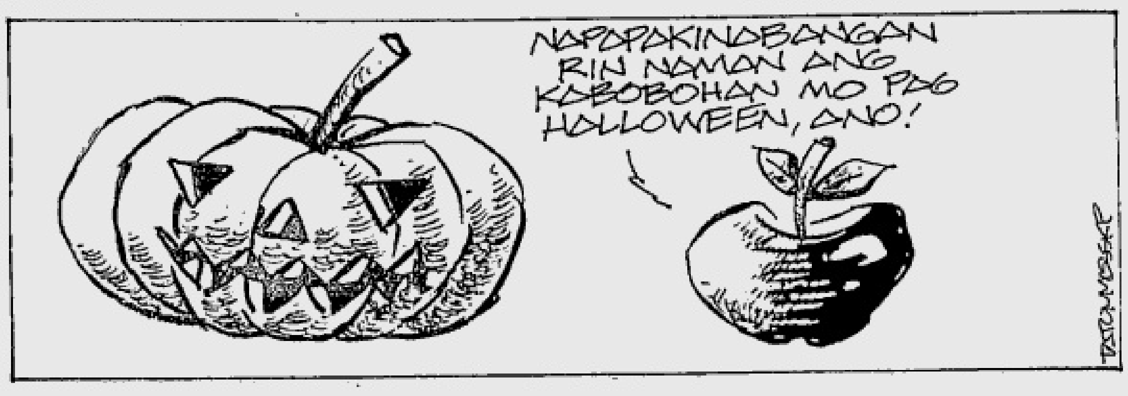
KIKO MACHINE
BY MANIX ABRERA


BAKET?
SUSMARYOSEP! ANO BA NAMAN 'TOH? SABI NA NGA'T MALALABUAN LANG AKO, EH!..
haay.. SINUSUBUKAN KO KASI 'TONG TEXT GOD NA 'TO.. MATE-TEXT MO RAW SI GOD... KASO AN'LABO NG REPLY O! 'ETO PROBLEMA SA TEXT-TEXT EH! TSK!
HAY! NATURAL... PRONE SA MISCOMMUNICATION 'YANG GANYAN 'NO?! MAGULO YUNG TEXT LINGO?
RAKenROL!
errare humanum est ignoscere divinum ii
SUS! BUTI SANA KUNG YUN LANG! TEXT LINGŌ NA NGA, LATIN PA! ...

LOVEKNOTS
BY ELIZABETH CHIONGLO


JOWA, KAPAG NAGING PRESIDENTE DAW SI FPJ, ANO ANG UNANG-UNA NYANG PAPALITAN...
PARA WALA NANG MAGKU-COUP D'ETAT?
ANO?!
'YUNG MGA BALA NG SUNDALO PAPALITAN NYA NG BLANK BULLETS!!
ISANG BLANK BALA KA LANG!!

TULDOK
BY PAPU AND TATUM MILAMBILING


NAPAPAKINABANGAN RIN NAMAN ANG KABOBOHAN MO PAG HALLOWEEN, ANO!

REGIONAL sales director for Safilo Far East Ltd. of Italy Matteo Baldo with PMAP top models

Shades both chic and daring

TWO distinct brands were launched in one evening recently: Giorgio Armani and Emporio Armani.

A spokesperson from New Trends International, the local distributor of Armani eyewear, explained that Giorgio Armani appeals to the sophisticated, modern people, whose lifestyle is cosmopolitan, dynamic and grounded, refined, successful and elegant.

Emporio Armani attracts the bold, outgoing spirit with a lot of panache to carry off the young, informal, personalized style.

It has a frame or shape for any mood: total black or total mirror to view the world incognito, very light lenses and sexy shapes for nights in a disco, sporty shapes in practical frames, extra—large sizes and bright colors for aggressive teens, unisex shapes from street fashion—you name it.

These models supposedly appeal to the PYT who want to exude sex appeal, stylishness and confidence.

As launches go, this was a pretty laidback affair.

Matteo Baldo, sales director of the Safilo Group of Italy—they make Armani's eyewear, as well as those of Gucci and Dior—gave a very brief presentation on the brand, as did general manager Murli Menon, while Bob Mirani, chair of the board of New Trends International, gave guests a warm welcome.

NARESH Mirani, New Trends big boss Bob Mirani and Murli Menon

Host for the evening was heavenly Angel Jacob, who admitted being a Giorgio Girl.

Models paraded around Restaurant 12 wearing some of the best Armani styles, among them were Rissa Samson, Raya Mananquil, Nicolette Bell, Phoemela Baranda and Valerie de los Santos.

Among the guys, Robby Mananquil, Francis Ricafort, Luke Jickain, Mickey Carreon and Ryan Villareal led the pack.

MANISHA Khemlani, Miriam Quiambao, Baldo and Vicky Zubiri

A toast to the terno

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event on Nov. 22 at the Metropolitan Museum of Manila, the committee aims to raise at least P10 million to fund its activities related to promoting arts in development.

During the media launch, Met executive director Ino Manalo enlightened the audience with a presentation clearly defining the role of the Met in the pursuit of awareness and appreciation of the arts as essential and integral to nation-building.

The design of the *terno*, for instance, is a work of art which has evolved through generations since the Spanish era. As an industry, *terno*-making has given livelihood to *bordaderos*, weavers and beaders who work from home.

Mother and daughter Carmita Francisco and Romina hosted the event, each wearing *ternos* representing the modern interpretation of the national dress.

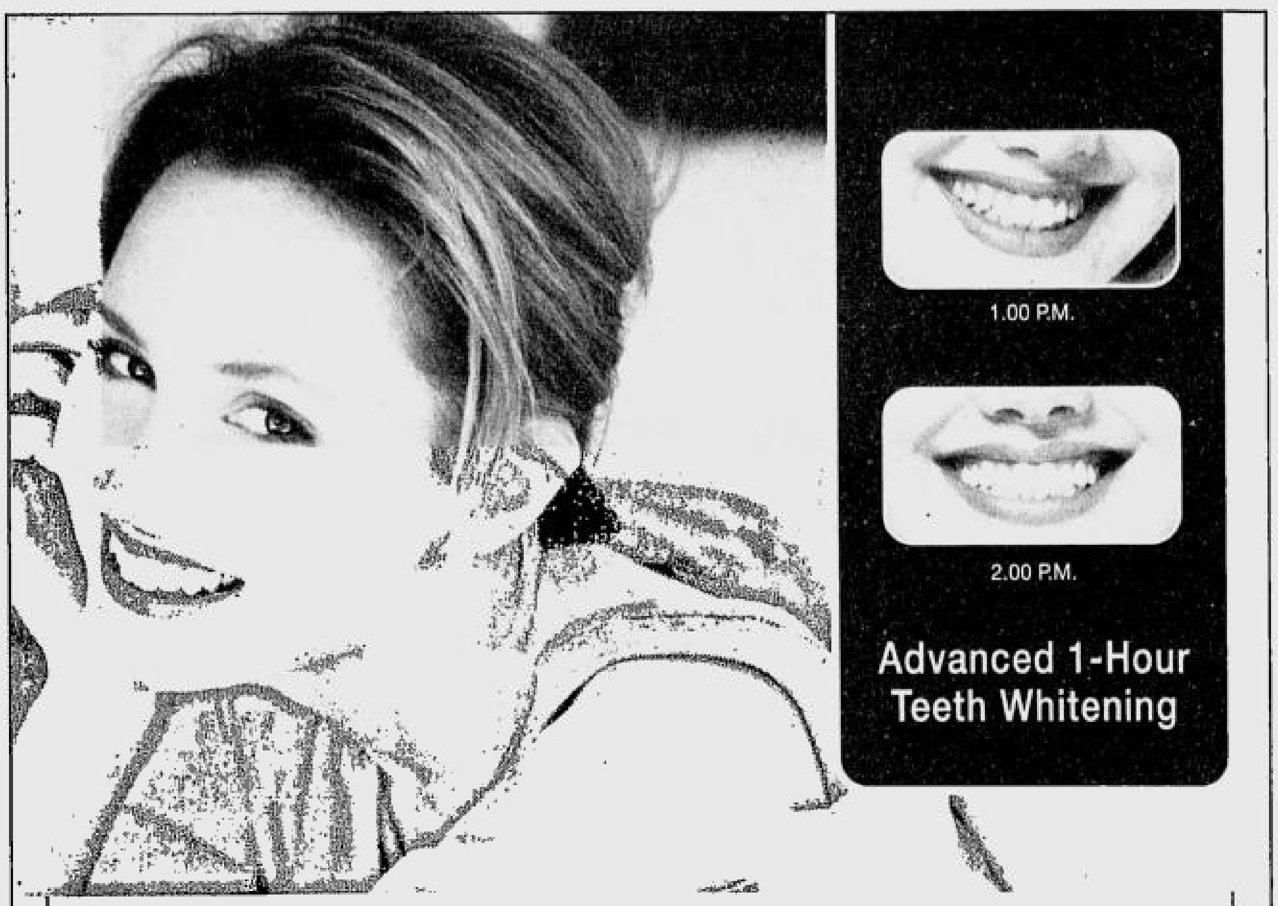
Carmita wore a design by Rudy Fuentes, sporting only one butterfly sleeve with a beautiful applique back feature. Romina wore a multicolored *terno* with butterfly sleeves that flowed down to her wrists.

The duo introduced the 12 new generation designers whose *terno* interpretations will be presented on Nov. 22 at the Met, together with Joe Salazar's immortal collections.

These designers are: Rajo Laurel, Randy Ortiz, Joji Lloren, Dennis Lustico, Rhett Eala, Patrice Ramos Diaz, Len Nepomuceno Guiao, Paul Cabral, Dong Omaga Diaz, JC Buendia, Arcy Gayatin and Tippi Ocampo.

Zobel acknowledged Bench's Ben Chan and Miguel Pastor for their support in sponsoring the National Terno-Making Competition.

FROM left: Metropolitan Museum executive director Ino Manalo, co-chairs Bea Zobel Jr. and Luli Macapagal Arroyo and Bench top honcho Ben Chan with a *bordadera* at work



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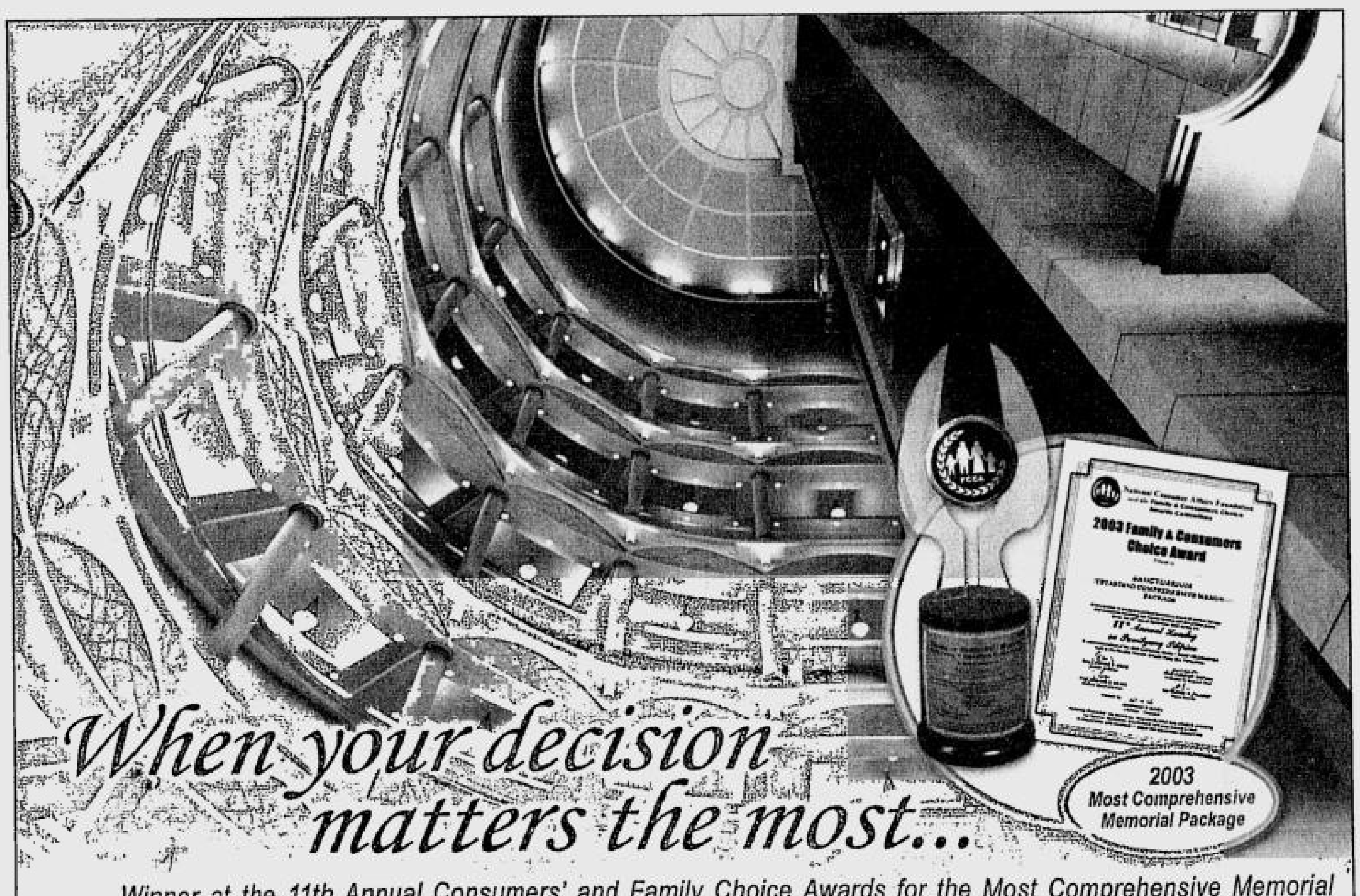

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Pre-Christmas art and craft seminars for fun and profit

GOINGS ON

BUSINESSMAKER Academy offers pre-Christmas art and craft seminars in November. "Creative Bead Accessories for Fun and Profit" will be held on Nov. 8, 14, 27 and 29; "Go Crazy for Candies and Chocolates," Nov. 13 and 28; "Box Art and Packaging Ideas for Products and Gift Items," Nov. 6 and 22; "Creative Gift Baskets, Ribbons and Wrappings," Nov. 7 and 21. Classes will be held at BMA, 1503 A West Tower, PSE Building (Tektite), Ortigas Center. Call 687-4445/3416/4645.

CONCERT. Lightning Strikes presents "Crappy Halloween," a free concert, tonight at 8 at Pier One, Roxas Boulevard corner Buendia Avenue, Pasay City. The event features Radioactive Sago Project, Tropical Depression, Imago and Fatal Posporos, Betrayed and Throw, Boy Elroy and Apollo Creed.

BAZAAR. The Zonta Club of Makati and Environs Foundation Inc. will have its 13th annual charity bazaar on Nov. 9, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., at Santuario de San Antonio Parish Center in Forbes Park, Makati.

SEMINAR. Six Sigma Consulting will hold "Good to Great" seminar on Nov. 6 and 13 at JVR Professional Development Center, 4/F Acceed (AIM conference center), Makati. It will also be conducted on Nov. 5 and 12 at Bellevue Manila, Filinvest Corporate City, Alabang. Call 850-5870 to 71.

BAZAAR. The 5th Angel Sent Bazaar on Nov. 15 and 16 at the lower lobby of Edsa Shangri-La Hotel will feature products from different organizations. Call 820-7879/1570.

BAZAAR. Deadline for reservations to the 5th Super Bazaar and Food Fair 2003 is on Nov. 7. The fair is slated on Nov. 29 and 30 at Santuario de San Antonio, Forbes Park, Makati. Call 819-0006/1497.

SALE. The Lopez Museum will hold its pre-Christmas sale on Nov. 15 to Dec. 15. Items on sale include coffee-table books, address books and notecards, stationeries, mugs, caps and tissue holders. The museum is located at Benpres Building, Ortigas Center. Call 631-2417.

BAZAAR. The Inner Wheel Club of Manila invites all shoppers to its annual Christmas bazaar, "Best Gifts for Christmas," at the Hotel Inter-Continental grand ballroom on Nov. 9, 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Call 524-9914, 522-1864.

FESTIVAL. A Weekend Organic Festival will be held every Saturday and Sunday until Nov. 30, except Nov. 1 and 2, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at the walkway fronting The Home Center in Eastwood City.

BAZAAR. Tahanan ng Panginoon is holding a bazaar and *segunda mano* on Nov. 16, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., at the Ateneo de Manila University covered courts. Those who wish to donate clothes, toys, shoes, bags, pots and pans, books, etc. may go to any Papemelroti branch (91 Roces Avenue, SM City North Edsa, SM City Fairview, SM Southmall, SM Sta. Mesa, Ali Mall, SM Megamall, Glorietta 2 Ayala Center).

BAZAAR. The Women's Board of St. Luke's Medical Center is holding a bazaar at Greenhills Commercial Center on Nov. 8-9 to benefit the hospital's indigent patients, especially infants and children. Call 939-4928 or (0918) 917-0585.

EXHIBIT. "Silent Moments, The First Philippine Exhibition on Death Care Industry" will be held on Nov. 22 and 23, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., at Santuario de San Antonio Parish Center, Forbes Park, Makati. A "Passing Through Grief" workshop will be conducted by Second Wind. Call 820-7879/1570.

NATIONAL CONGRESS. The Philippine Librarians Association Inc. and NCCA-National Committee on Libraries and Information Services will hold a three-day National Congress on "Bridging the Digital Divide: Harnessing ICT's for the National Development, A Challenge for Information Professionals," on Nov. 26-28 at the Manila Pavilion, United Nations Avenue corner Maria Orosa Street, Ermita, Manila. Call 931-5999, 302-7717, 526-0926, 931-5864.

PROMO. Jewelmer offers "In Good Taste" promo until Dec. 31. For every single receipt with a minimum purchase of P1,000 at Le Souffle, Sugi, Old Swiss Inn, Cena, Masas, Dish, Red Crab, Seafood Club, Portico, Chateau, Trio, Pasto, Soleil, Aqua, Il Ponticello, Good Earth, L'Incontro, Prince of Jaipur, Café Uno at Waterfront Mactan and Treff at Waterfront Lahug, Paparazzi and Shang Palace at Mactan Island Resort, Palermo and Fiji at Plantation Bay, entitles you to one raffle coupon. Call 810-0266/68.

NEW PLANNERS. Papemelroti now offers 2004 planners and calendars. The 10 designs of planners and two designs of calendars were done by Peggy Pilapi-Lasa and Tina Alejandro. Papemelroti stores can be found in SM Megamall, Glorietta 2 Ayala Center, SM City North Edsa, SM Fairview, SM Southmall, SM Sta. Mesa, Ali Mall, 91 Roces Ave., QC and kiosks at Sta. Lucia Grand East and Robinsons Place Manila.

BAZAAR. Arbea Enterprises features Sent by an Angel 2003 at Edsa Shangri-La Hotel on Dec. 14. Call 634-4504/4471.

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TERRAZAS DE PUNTA FUEGO CLUBHOUSE

Nestled in nature's backyard

AMIDST the natural surroundings of hills and old trees along the famed Nasugbu coastline, the Terrazas de Punta Fuego beach clubhouse stands out as it manages to blend in smoothly and effortlessly into the landscape with its distinct design blend of Mediterranean fused with Asian tropical touches.

After driving down the winding road to the beach area, members and guests are accorded a warm welcome at the reception pavilion from where one can have a bird's eye view of the sprawling facility with the restaurant, swimming pool, cabanas, game room and the popular Terrazas boardwalk.

The clubhouse is built as a cluster of structures on different levels following the natural terrain of the land that has several natural plateaus. The restaurant, which serves a mouthwatering selection of local, Spanish and continental specialties has wraparound folding Capiz doors that open up to a verandah for al fresco dining or just watching the breathtaking sunset, Batangas' best-kept secret.

The focal point of the facility is a family-friendly free-form infinity pool that interestingly incorporates an adult pool, lap pool and kiddie pool within. The sound of running water fills the air as the pool's waters cascade to a lower level where five individual bubblers allow guests to soak in solitude or bond with family and friends as they take in the sun and breathe in the refreshing sea breeze.

"The swimming pool area has a natural canopy of trees around it and instead of cutting them down, we built the structures around the trees," said Meloy Casas, one of the architects of the Recio+Casas architectural tandem. "The pool is on an elevated space so swimmers can have an unobstructed view of the beach with a lot of open areas around for serious sun worshippers."

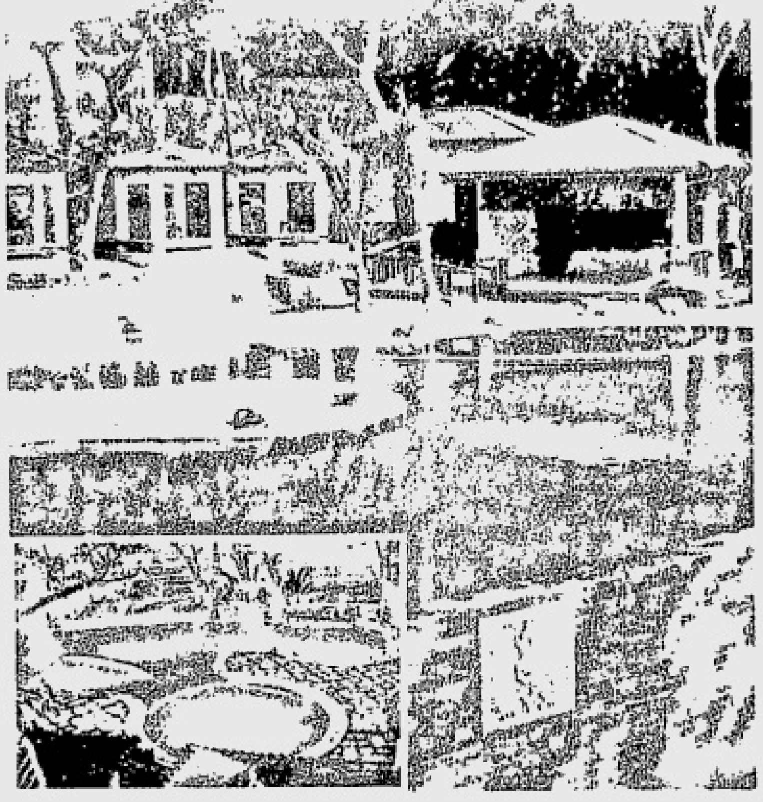
For those who are sun shy but still enjoy the beach atmosphere, several cabanas are scattered by the swimming pool area so they can lounge around teak tables and fluffy cushions, sip the club's refreshing coolers, take a quick dip in the pool or just take in the serene surroundings. There is also a KTV room for the gifted singers and the not-so-gifted who just want to have fun, as well as a game room complete with a billiard table and darts. Spacious locker rooms provide showers, individual lockers and a large changing area.

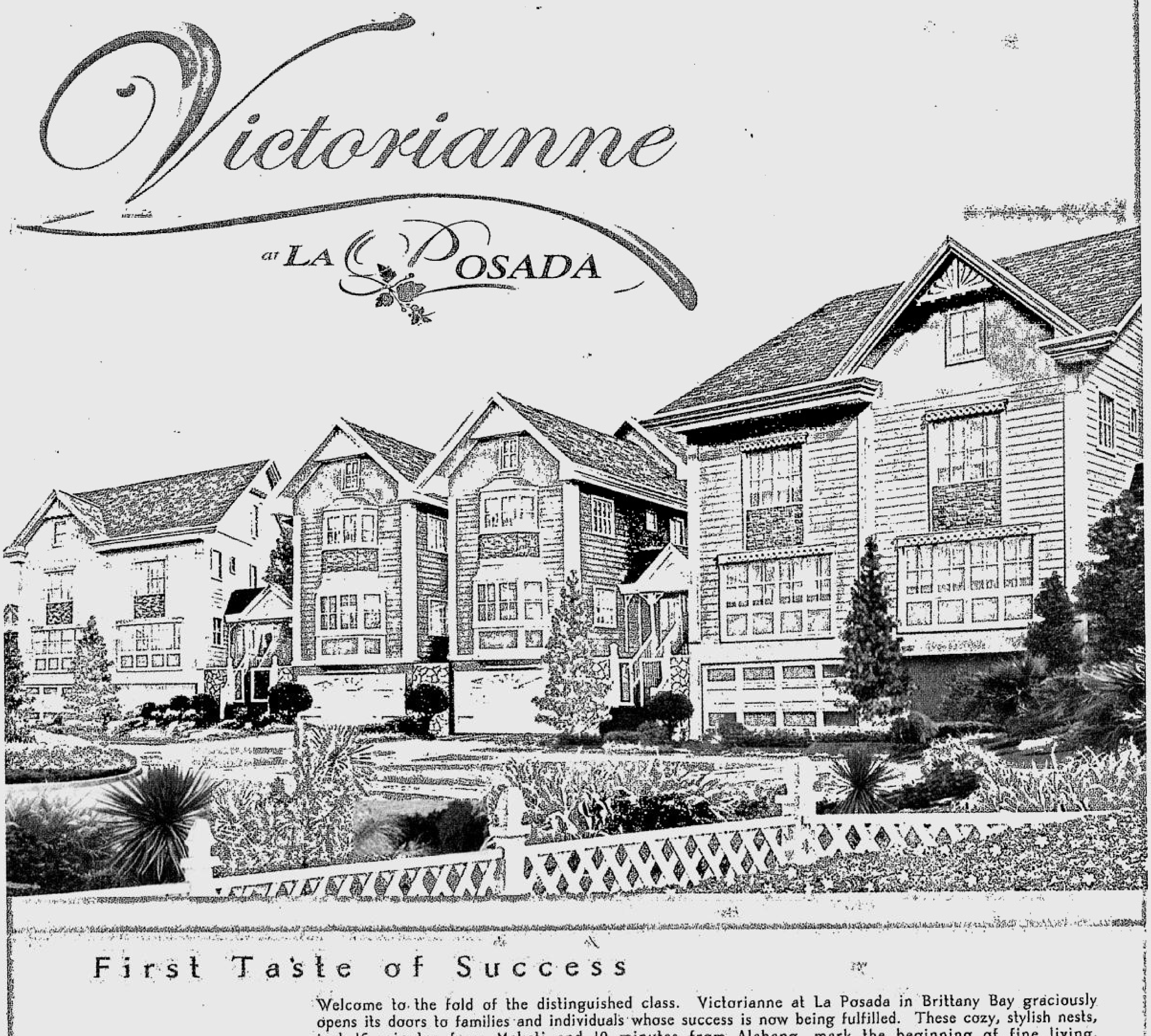
Fronting the best swimming beach in all of Batangas, the famous Terrazas boardwalk has distinguished itself as a distinct landmark on the Nasugbu coastline with its wooden structure that features 18 interlinked cabanas, a juice bar serving drinks and light snacks and shower rooms. To complete the relaxing experience, guests can have a massage in the privacy of several cabanas that have been equipped with roll down bamboo blinds.

In keeping with environmental concerns, the boardwalk is nestled on the foot of the hill and was built around the old trees hugging the side of the hill. Furnished with distinctive teak furniture, colorful pillows and billowing, flimsy cotton curtains, the boardwalk was designed to blend and craftily carve into its surroundings incorporating all the natural elements into one harmonious, outstanding structure.

"We are confident that Club Punta Fuego members will share in our pride and confidence in presenting a world-class facility for their enjoyment and will appreciate the painstaking effort we have taken to preserve as much of the natural environment as we can," said Alfred Xerez-Burgos Jr, president and CEO of Landco Pacific Corp, co-developer of Terrazas de Punta Fuego in partnership with Roxaco Land Corp.

Buyers of Terrazas de Punta Fuego lots can be nominated for an associate membership in Club Punta Fuego, membership that allows them to use the clubhouse facilities in both Peninsula and Terrazas de Punta Fuego.





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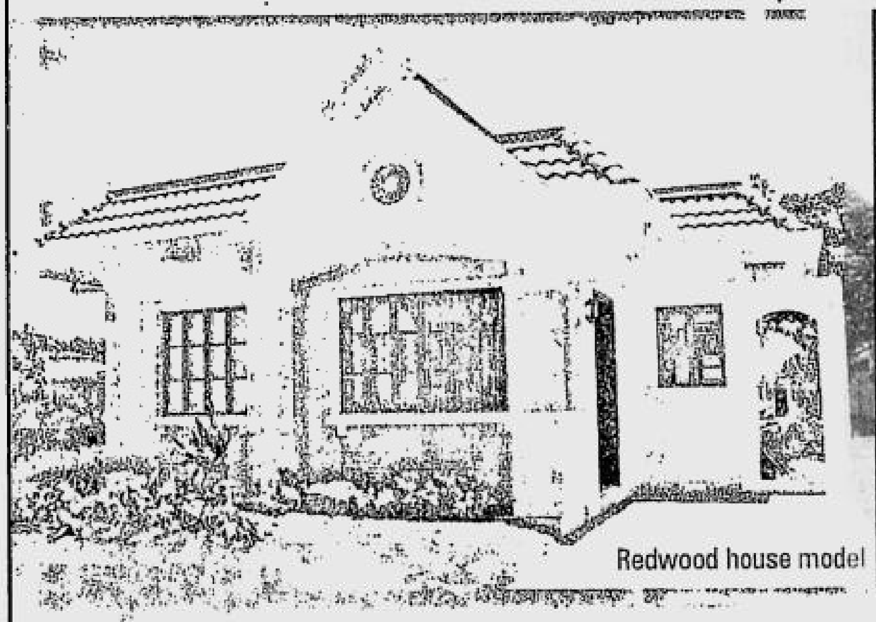
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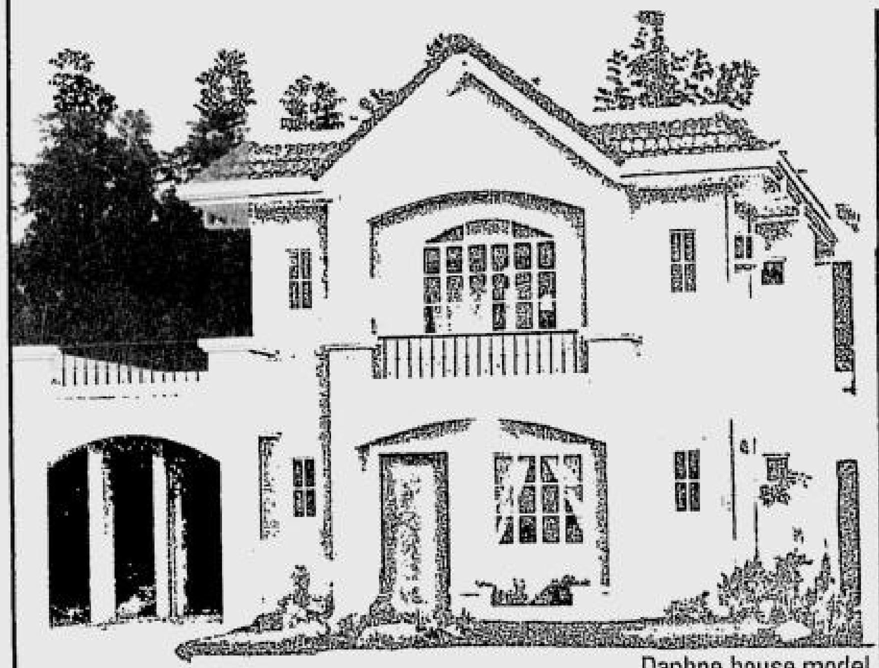
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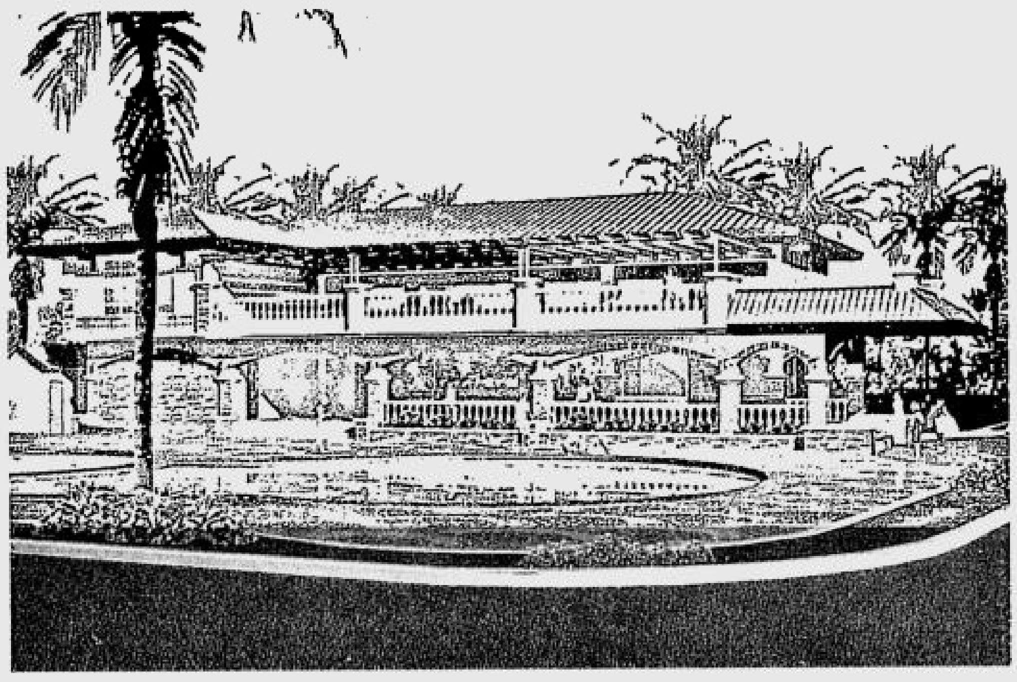
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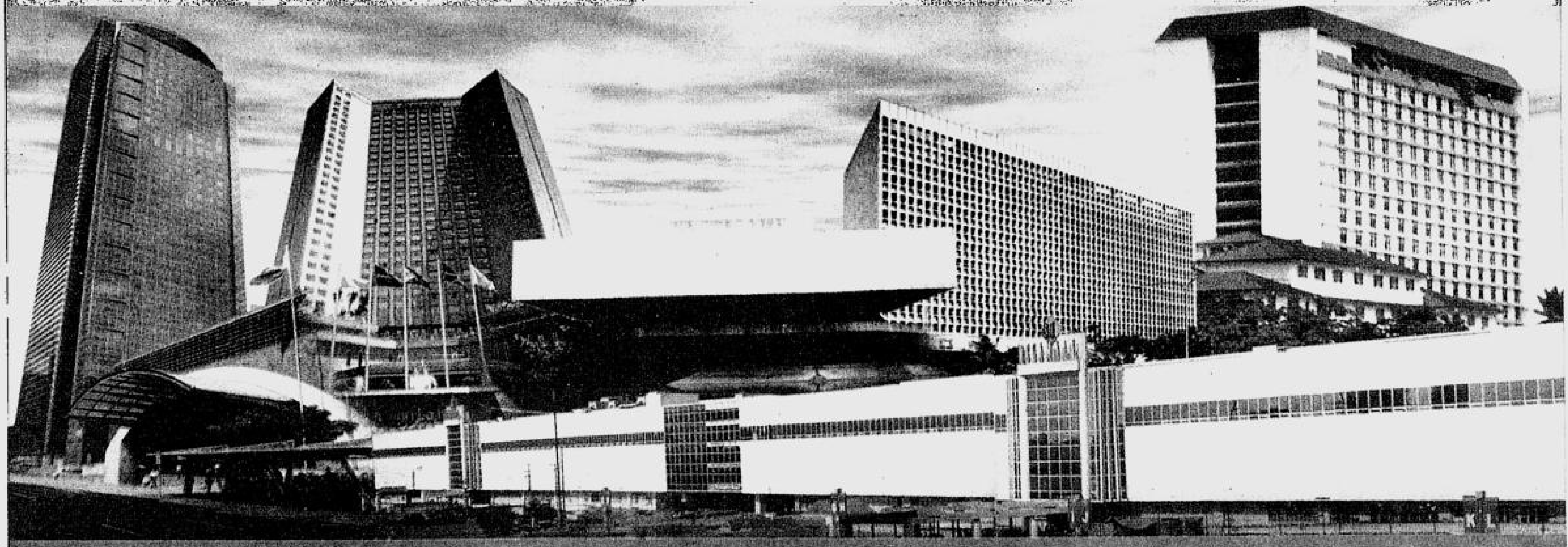

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'Sharing the Life' party for The Columns buyers'

DELIGHTED buyers of units at The Columns, Ayala Avenue bring friends to a "Sharing the Night, Sharing the Life" party by The Community Innovations Inc at Streetlife in Glorietta 3. CII, an Ayala Land subsidiary, presents a special reward program for buyers during the party, which brought forth the spirit of community living in a vertical village that is The Columns, Ayala Avenue.

Left photo shows Angela De Villa Lacson, CII president (right), Efren L. Tan, CII head of sales (left) and Grace Manankil Sta. Ana, CII project development officer (2nd from left) with CII clients. Right photo shows property specialist Michelle Villseran (left) of CII showing guest Teri Swager the first-rate features of The Columns, Ayala Avenue. Swager was among the delighted buyers and guests in the CII party. For more information about The Columns, Ayala Avenue, call 750-0484 and 750-0471, e-mail cii-sales@ayalaland.com.ph or visit www.communityinnovations.com.ph.

Rent value, UST proximity attract España Tower buyers

RENT value and proximity to the University of Santo Tomas and other schools continue to be a major factor for sales take-ups with buyers of business offices and residential units at The España Tower on España boulevard.

Lynn Maceda, executive vice president and chief operating officer of FF Land Inc, which markets The Espana Tower, says most buyers of units at the 32-story building regard as highly attractive the rent potentials of the units.

This is in addition to the long-term investment value and benefits arising from the fact that the units are ready-to-use amid a safe, pleasant and healthful condominium environment. The tower has 24-hour security, natural light usage and tropical air convection for enhanced ventilation.

Rent potentials are heightened by the strategic location of The España Tower. It rises on the block right after the Welcome Rotunda on España Boulevard, right next to the PLDT building and close to the United Doctors Medical Center.

The España Tower appeals to medical professionals as well as parents of students at the University of Santo Tomas and nearby Perpetual Help Nursing College and those on the University Belt, Maceda says.

Amenities include multi-level parking, swimming pool, function rooms, gym, commercial units and ground floor reception lobby.

Buyers of office spaces are likewise attracted by the same strategic position, which is highly accessible to most parts of the metropolis, being right beside the convergence of Welcome Rotunda.

Attributes of The España Tower in attracting information technology and media-related offices are also significant pluses in drawing buyers, she adds.

Christmas promo packages for long-term and cash buyers are now launched. Pag-Ibig and bank financing are also available.

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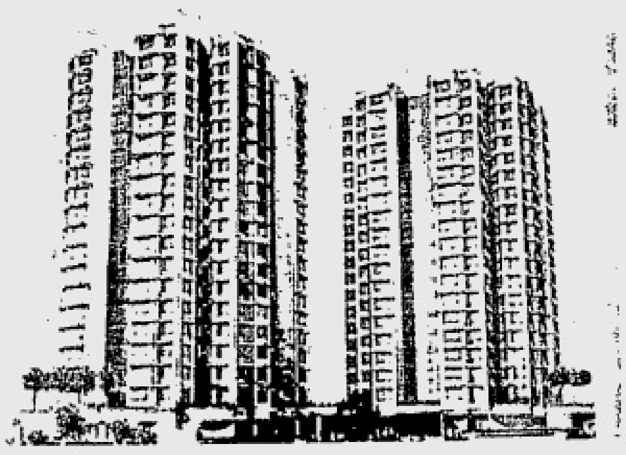

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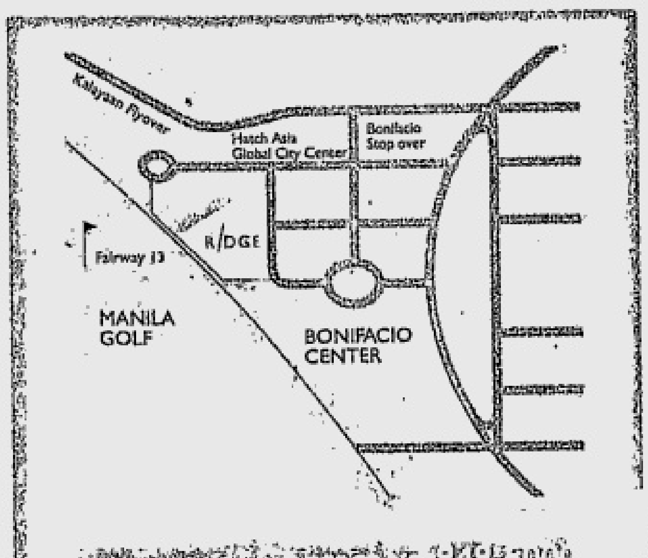

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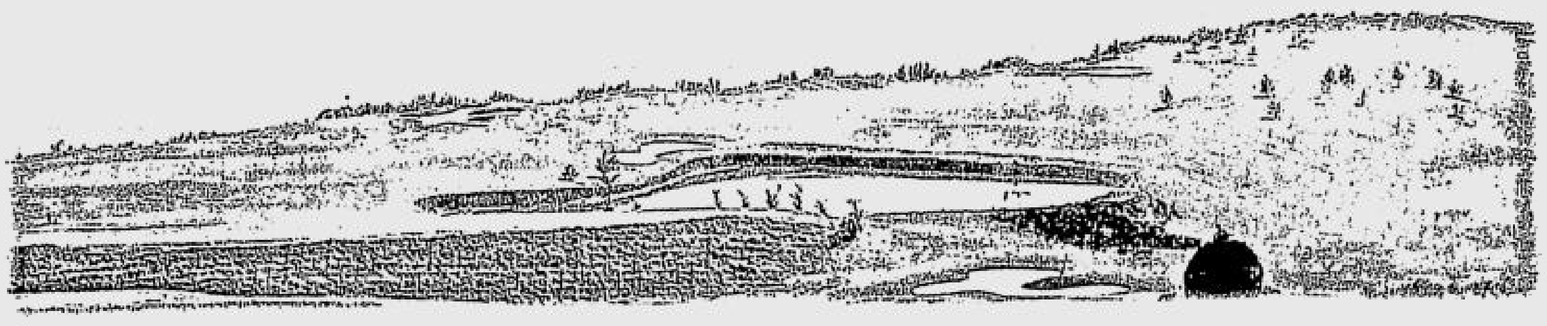

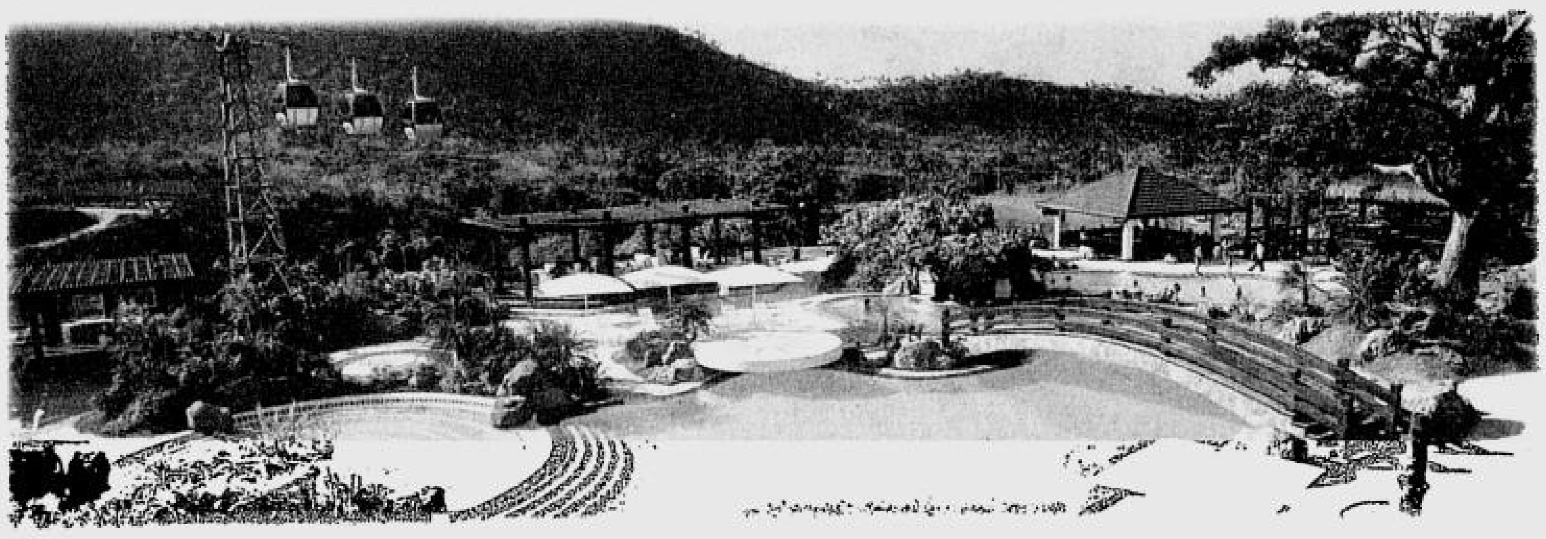

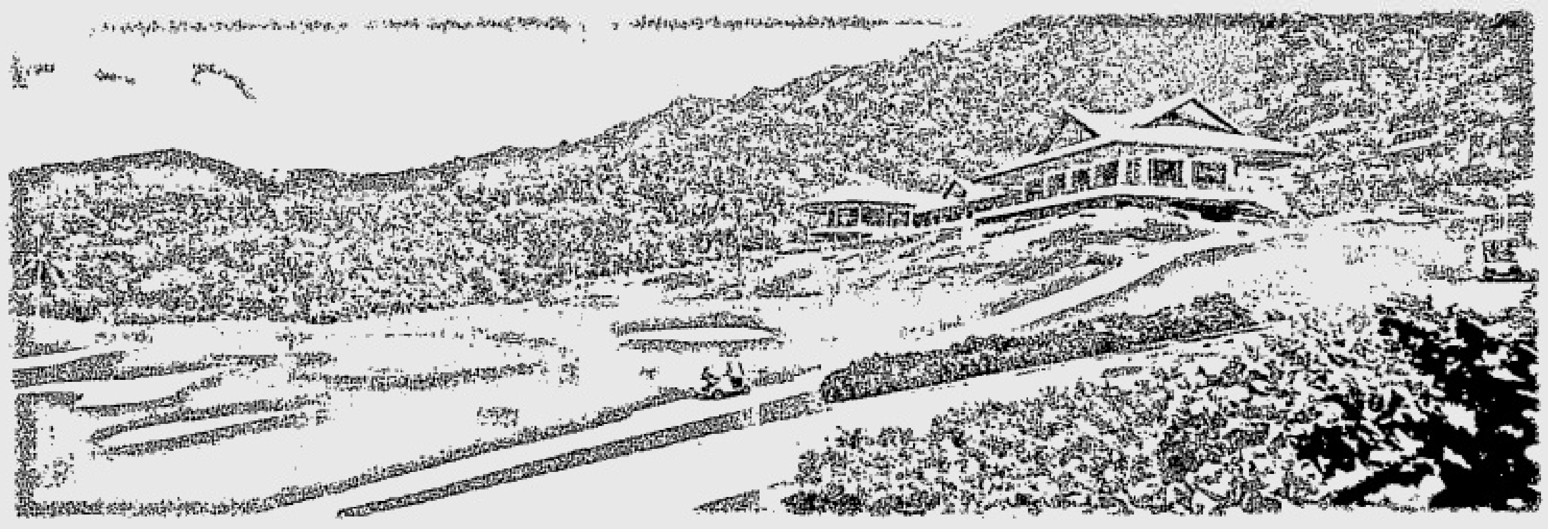

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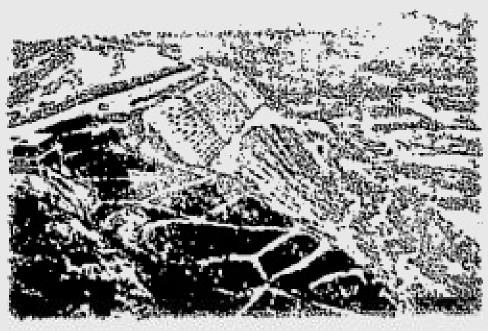

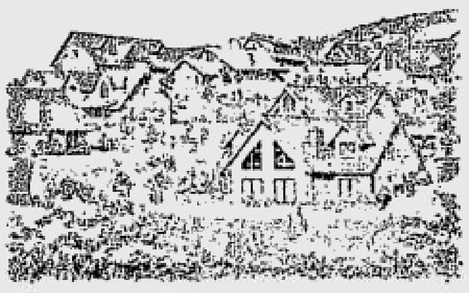

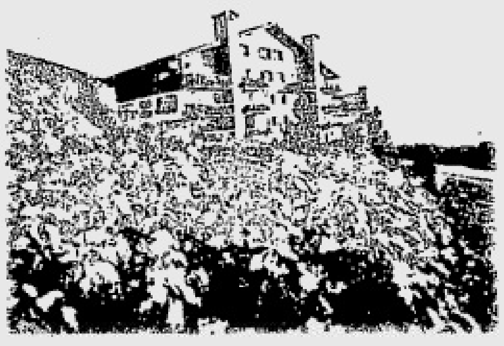

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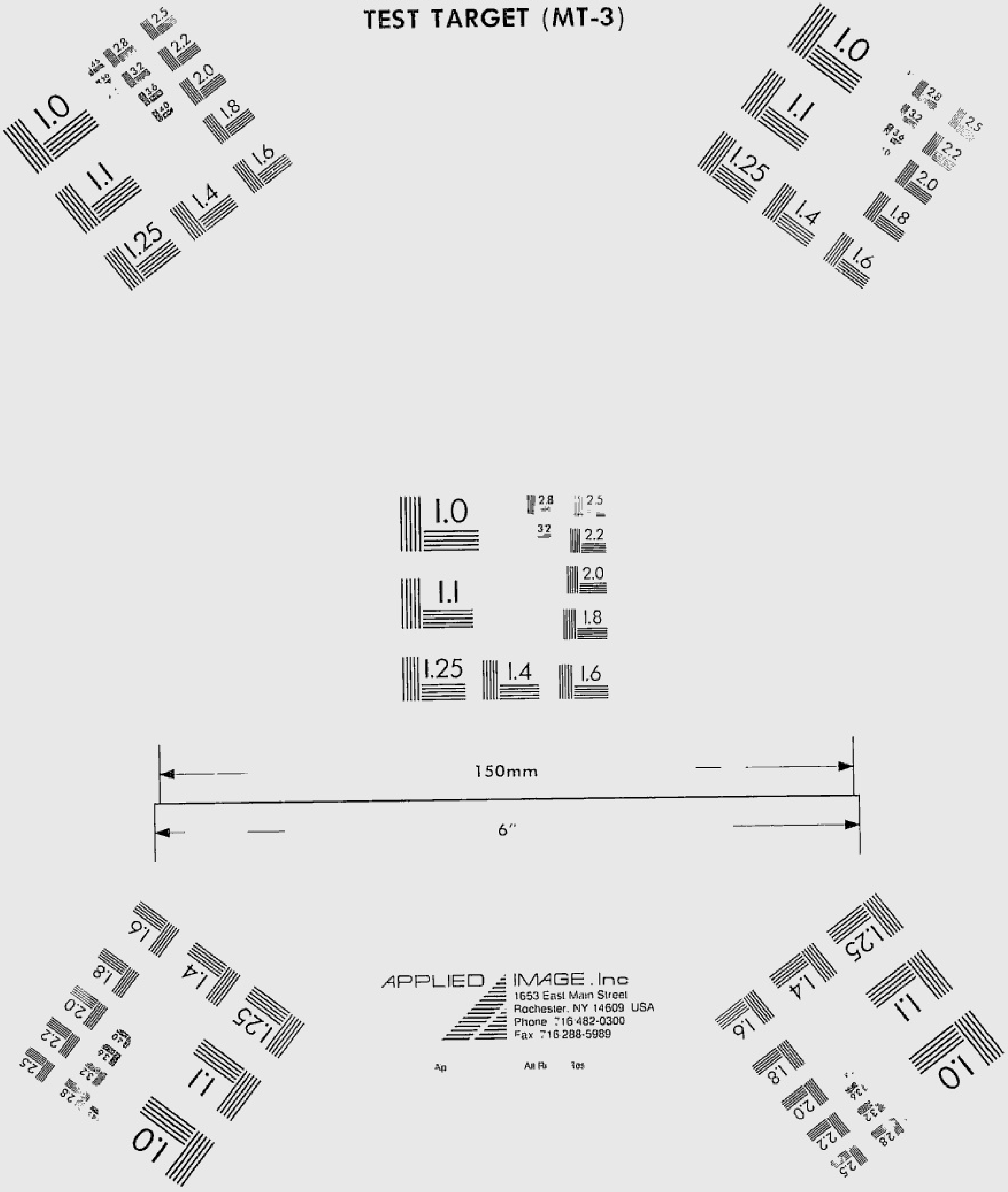
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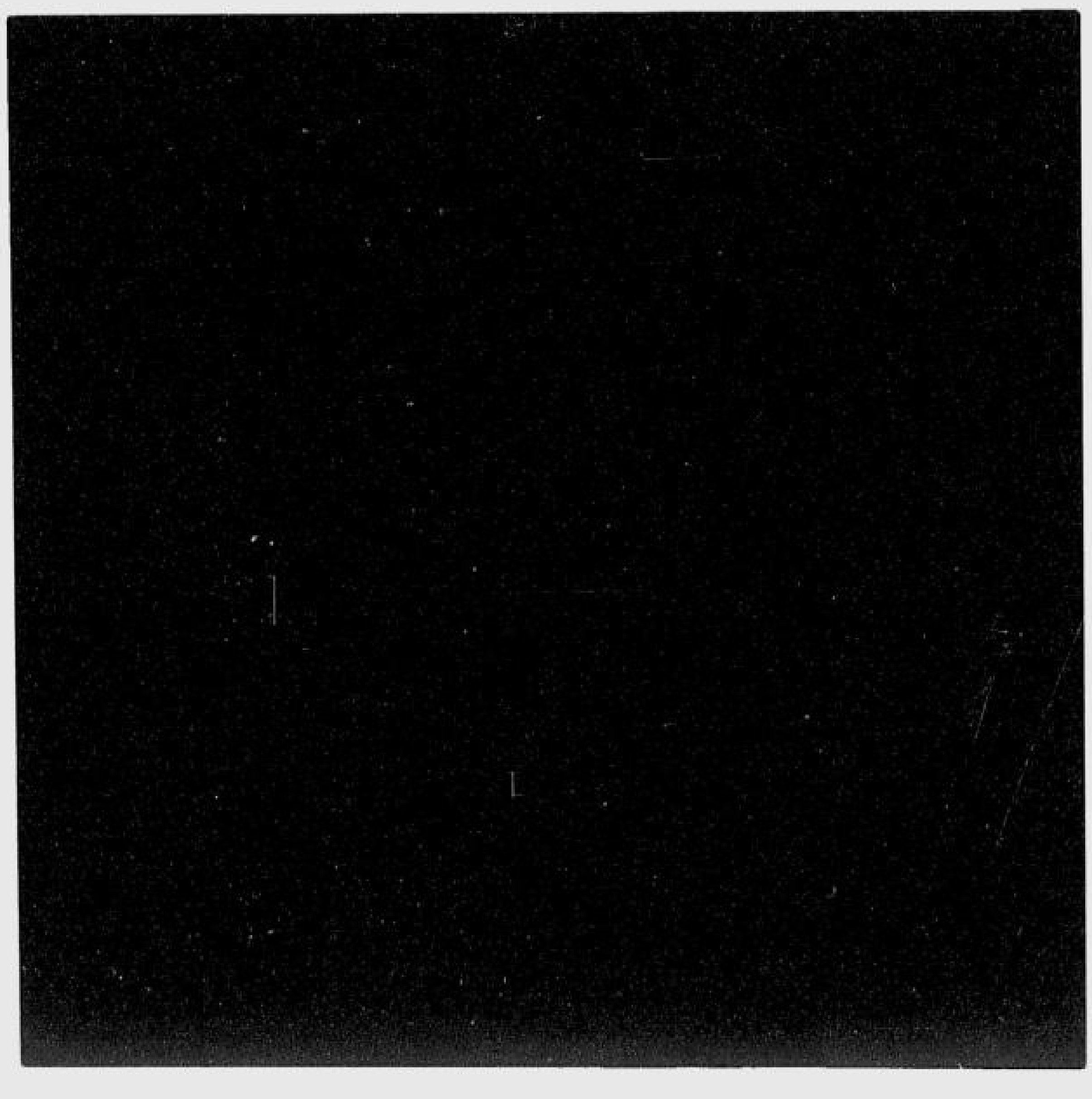

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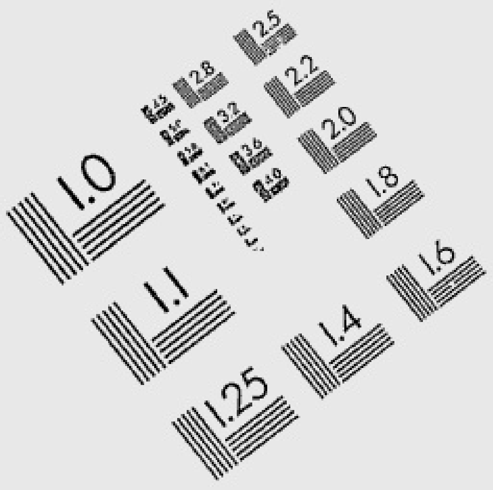
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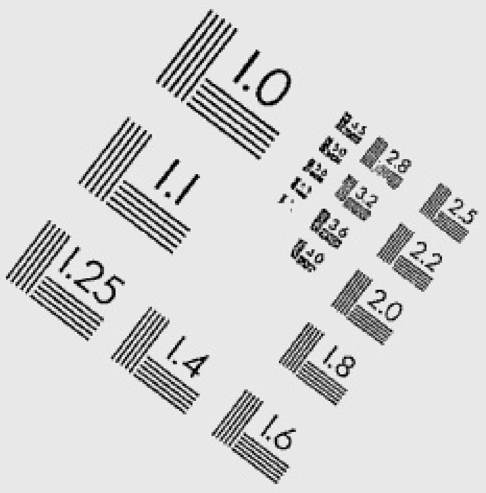
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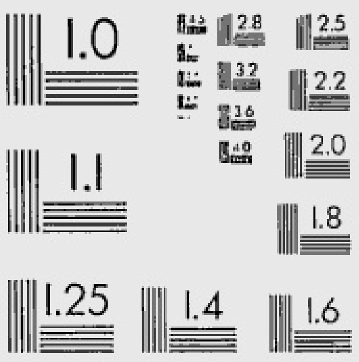
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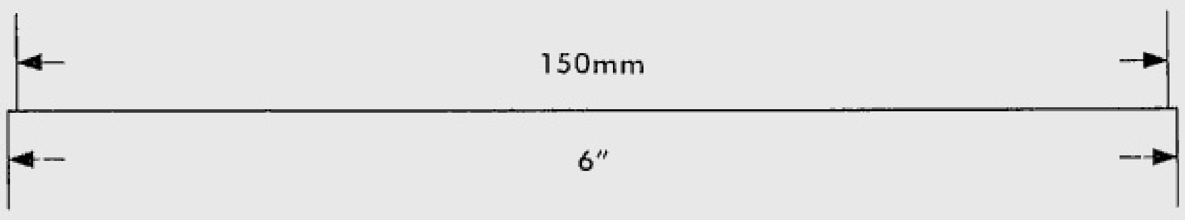

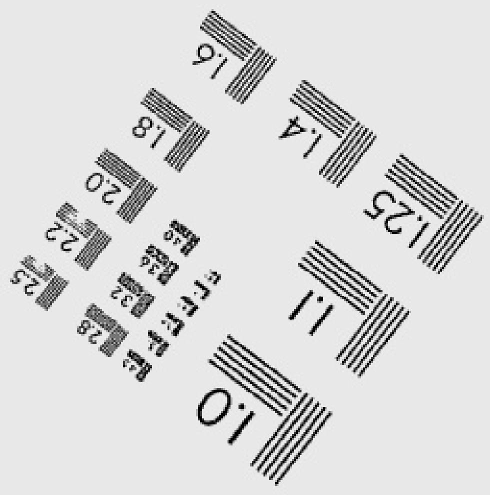
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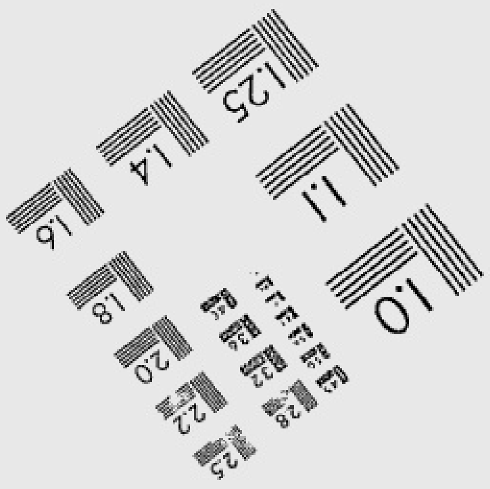
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